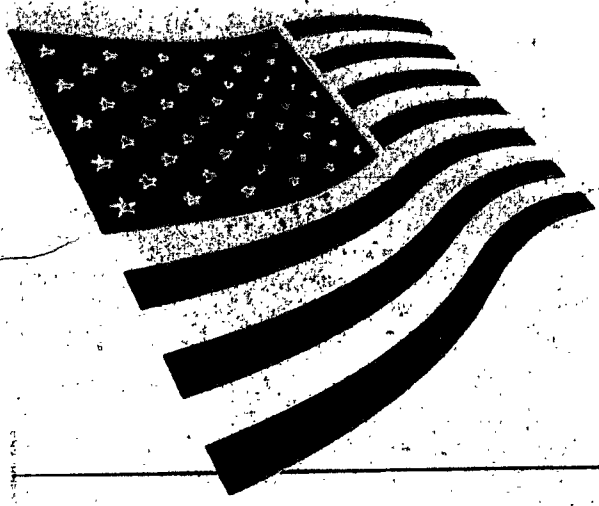


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Bay native and Stanislaus grad Shannon Garrett exports his passion for football to Canada.

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St. Rock UMC hosts fish/chicken dinner

St. Rock United Methodist Church will host a fish and chicken dinner on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for more information, call Elouise Johnson at 466-3355.

Waveland shelter's Off-site pet adoptions

The Waveland Animal Shelter, assisted by Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock Co., will host offsite pet adoptions this Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in front of Kmart.

HNC Kindergarten registration time

Hancock North Central Elementary will host kindergarten registration for next school year and parent orientation on May 2, at 8:30 a.m. Children must be five years old by Sept. 1, 2003. Parents should bring birth certificate, immunization compliance form, child's s.s. card, two proofs of residency.

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Report: DuPont not affecting area wells

Group still investigating air emissions, dioxins

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer
DeLisle area wells are not currently impacted by the DuPont DeLisle Plant, said a report from the

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry released this week. A public hearing on the findings will be held at the Pass Christian City Hall Council Room at 200 West Scenic Dr.

on June 5 at 7 p.m. The agency is requesting public comment on the findings both at the meeting and in writing. Findings are available for public review at the Pass

Christian Library at 111 Heirn Ave. Comments made in writing must be mailed to Chief Program Evaluation, Records and Information Services Branch, ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Rd., N.E. (MS E-32), Atlanta, Georgia. Comments need to be received by June 9 to

become part of the official record. Interested individuals may acquire additional information by contacting Community Involvement Specialist Rose Jackson or Environmental Health Scientist James Durant at a
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FOR THE BIRDS



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

Some out-of-town visitors get more than they bargained for Wednesday when they decided to try to feed the seagulls at the beach near the Washington St. Pier in Bay St. Louis. They were swarmed by the birds in true Hitchcock fashion for a few minutes - until the food ran out. Beautiful blue skies and a gentle wind brought out the beach enthusiasts on Wednesday afternoon for swimming, kite flying, seagull feeding and just plain relaxing.

Crawfish boil ends with a stabbing

Victim goes to hospital, suspect jailed

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
A Hancock County man spent three days in Hancock Medical Center after he was stabbed in the neck during a crawfish boil at his home Friday night, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.
"David A. Garcia, 33, Northwest Hancock County with a Picayune address, following a fight was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was still lodged in the Hancock County jail Tuesday evening with a \$5,000 bond set by a Justice Court judge," Barber added.
Deputies Danny Gilkerson and Danny Dear responded to a call received
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Probe clears Pass police officer of brutality charge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
An investigation into a Pass Christian couple's brutality complaint against a police officer turned up no wrongdoing, officials said.
John and Jean Bearden filed the complaint in March against Pass Christian Patrolman E.F. Dawson. They claimed the

officer grabbed a handcuffed suspect by the back of the neck, rammed him into the patrol car and to the ground.
The Beardens said the incident occurred after the St. Paul Carnival Parade.
Police Sgt. Michael Lally said investigators inter-

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Employees at Stennis Space Center celebrated Earth Day during their lunch hour on Tuesday. Exhibits by area agencies offered information, raffles and trinkets to visiting employees. Exhibitors included Mississippi Power, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society, Hancock County Community Development, Hancock County Greenways, Southern Diversified Products, the Corps of Engineers, the Gulf of Mexico Program, Gulf Regional Planning, GB Tech Wetlands, Mississippi Space Services and NASA's Earth Science Application Directorate.
Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

Donation to ACS is personal

Relay For Life set May 2; Survivors Social scheduled for April 27

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

When Richie Zitzmann pledged to donate a piece of artwork for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, he had no idea his wife would be diagnosed with cancer two days later.

Zitzmann, who splits his time between New Orleans and Bay St. Louis, offered to donate a small art piece to the society's silent auction scheduled for May 2 at the Hancock Medical Center's walking track.

After learning that his wife, Barbara, had rectal cancer, Zitzmann called Hancock County's Relay For Life chairperson and informed him he would donate a larger piece.

He chose a 12-inch by 16-inch beveled glass artwork bordered in copper to be included in the silent auction.

"Richie donated this piece to show his appreciation for

God revealing my cancer early and to help raise money for the American Cancer Society for research and development of effective treatments," Barbara Zitzmann said. "He had no idea when he made the first offer how personal it would be."

The artwork will be one of many items to be auctioned on May 2 during Relay For Life.

The event will kick off at 6 p.m. with cancer survivors taking a victory lap around the track.

At 10 p.m., a luminaria ceremony will be held in honor of those who survived cancer and in memory of those who lost their lives to the battle. Food and beverages will be available, and entertainment will be provided throughout the event.

A Survivors Social will be held at the Train Depot in Bay St. Louis on April 27 from 1 to 4 p.m.

For details, call 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.



Richie Zitzmann is pictured above with the glass panel he donated to the American Cancer Society for its Relay For Life silent auction scheduled for May 2.

Bay Superintendent shares goals for district

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

As a new fiscal year for the Bay Waveland School District approaches and budget talks are just beginning, Superintendent Kim Stasny took the opportunity to address the board on the state of the district as she sees it, and her goals for the future.

Board members also took time to review the district's five-year improvement plan and critique its progress.

Stasny said she sees the most significant changes in her tenure of office as the addition of two schools, the middle school and an alternative school; the return of school maintenance and janitorial services to in-house services

and the development of a five year plan as a decision making tool.

Stasny also cited a reduction in administrative costs, lowered mileage and a period of no lay-offs.

Areas where Stasny would like to see continued improvement are in the image of the district and professional development. She would also like to see the district's policies completed. Policy on personnel remain to be completed, she said.

Good communication between administration and parents regarding disciplinary procedures is a top priority for the board, with consistency in administering that policy running close behind.

To achieve this the board discussed improving the district website so that

handbooks could be accessed on line. They also discussed the possibility of teachers posting homework assignments on line so that parents could check to see if their children have homework.

To improve communications with teachers, board members discussed holding round table meetings and handing out anonymous surveys to obtain feedback. They also discussed adding additional issues of the district news letter.

Other goals include improvement in programs for special needs or at risk students, improved after school programs, and improved graduation rates. An on site GED program at the high school was also discussed.

In other business:

• Preliminary indications are that there will be no shortage in State funding this budget year, said the District's business manager Garland Cuevas. But we will still plan conservatively in the budget, said board president Richard Flowers. Very preliminary indications are that the budget will remain around the same as last year's figure, about \$17 million, said Cuevas.

• The summer lunch program will not be held at Bay Waveland Middle School this year. Instead, the program will be held at two other district schools, Second Street Elementary and Waveland Elementary. Board members were concerned that the previous location was not easily accessible to enough children.

Annual Spring Clean-up set April 26 in W'land

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Roll up your sleeves and head down to Coleman Avenue in Waveland on Saturday and join in The Third Annual Spring Clean-up and Trash Can Painting Contest, sponsored by the Coleman Avenue Coalition, Union Planters Bank and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

Registration for the painting contest begins at 9

a.m. There are a limited number of cans so early registration is advised. All you need to bring is brushes, everything else will be provided.

Several categories of expertise will be judged, amateur, professional and kids, with prizes in each category. The best can in each category will receive cash prizes of \$75 for professional, \$50 for amateur, and \$25 for kids,

with buttons and merit awards for all participants. Judging will be at 2 p.m. sharp.

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner is providing the cans, which will be placed all along the beach.

The cleanup will begin at 10 a.m. Trash bags, gloves and money treasures along the cleanup trail will be donated by sponsors. The Coalition is hoping for a

large participation in the cleanup this year as it coincides with the Earth Day celebration this week.

"Being patriotic can mean more than serving as a soldier," said Coalition president Kathy Pinn. "It can mean taking care of what we have. The coastline and surrounding area are beautiful natural resources and we have the job of keeping them looking their best."

For more information call 467-3922. A raindate has been set for May 3.

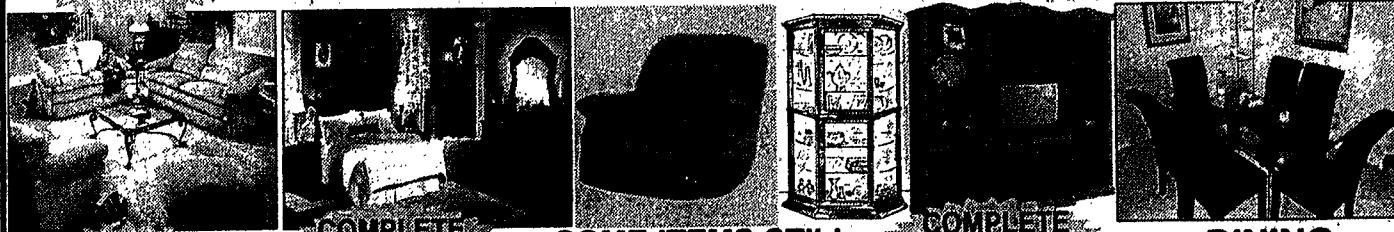
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St. Stanislaus announces Hall of Fame

St. Stanislaus College will induct Dr. Andrew K. Martinolich Jr., class of 1946; and the late Brother Pierre St. Pierre, SC into its Hall of Fame for the 2002-2003 academic year, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, Acting President.

The induction will take place at the St. Stanislaus College Annual Founders Society Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2003, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Martinolich was born in Mississippi City (now a part of Gulfport, Mississippi) and moved to Bay St. Louis at age ten. He attended St. Stanislaus for seven years and graduated valedictorian of the class of 1946.

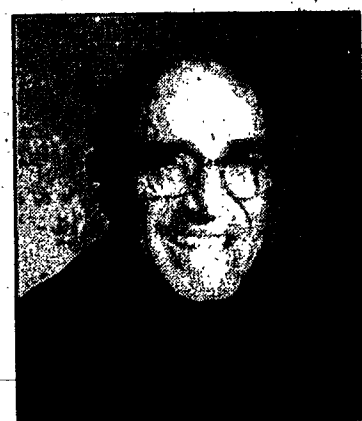
He attended Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, but graduated from Mississippi State University majoring in Pre-Med and Chemistry.

He attended the University of Mississippi Medical School for two years and then transferred to the University of Tennessee Medical School where he earned his degree in 1953.

After an internship at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and one year of medical practice in Byhalia, Mississippi, he returned to Bay St. Louis, where he was a general practitioner for 13 years.

He then pursued further training and completed a radiology residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1972 until retirement in 1999, he worked for SMB Radiology in Gulfport and Bay St.

Louis, Mississippi. Dr. Martinolich had three sons with his first wife Betty, who passed away, suddenly in 1956. He married the former Carol Ann Cabell in 1958 and they had two sons and six daughters and have been blessed with many grandchildren.



Brother Pierre St. Pierre

During his career, he was instrumental in establishing the first modern hospital in Hancock County, redistricting Hancock County for the "one man - one vote" principle, establishing the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, establishing the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, and was a founding member of Security Savings and Loan.

Brother Pierre St. Pierre, SC was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and moved with his parents, three sisters and brother to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

He came to know the Brothers of the Sacred Heart when he began seventh grade at Catholic High School.

After Brother Pierre's sophomore year in high school, he left home to

begin his formation into the brotherhood in Metuchen, New Jersey. He completed high school in Metuchen and in 1944 made his first vows.

Brother Pierre's first assignment was as a cook at Coindre Hall in Huntington, New York.



Dr. Andrew K. Martinolich Jr.

He went on to take charge of the kitchen at the novitiate house in Metuchen, New Jersey, and later worked as a prefect for the orphans at D'Evereux Hall in Natchez, Mississippi, a time that he later described as "the happiest years of my life."

In 1969, Brother Pierre was assigned to St. Stanislaus as director of the Brothers, community and President of the college.

A few weeks after he arrived in Bay St. Louis, so did Hurricane Camille. SSC Assistant Principal, Mrs. Susan Estrade, who was staying in the dormitory during the storm, recalls that Brother Pierre left the building as the eye passed over the school to survey the damage.

She also recalls his openness and generosity to the people of the community following the storm. Brother Pierre is

credited with leading the rebuilding of St. Stanislaus College after the damage caused by Camille.

From 1975 until 1979, Brother Pierre was stationed at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans.

In 1979 he returned to the Bay to take on the greatest challenge of his career: he was put in charge of the kitchen at St. Stanislaus, which served over a thousand meals a day during his tenure.

However, Pierre did not restrict his activities to the culinary arena. An avid singer, he was a founder and assistant director of the Mississippi Seachords, a group of 42 men from the

Mississippi Gulf Coast who sang barbershop quartet. His interest in barbershop quartet reached back into his life at St. Stanislaus, where Brother Pierre started, taught, and directed students to sing barbershop.

In 1996, Brother Pierre retired from his ministry as Director of Food Services. He remained active, however, during the remaining years of his life, seen frequently on the pier and assisting in the Campus Store.

Brother Pierre went to his eternal reward on January 25, 2000, following complications arising from surgery.

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Bay High School student named national All-American Scholar

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The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Nacole Saucier, who attends Bay High School, was nominated for this national award by Stacey Walters.

Nacole Saucier will appear in the All-

American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history.

Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Nacole Saucier is the daughter of Nick and Terri Saucier from Bay St.

Louis. The grandparents are Betty and Nick Saucier of Bay St. Louis and Shirley and Francis of Madison, Wis.

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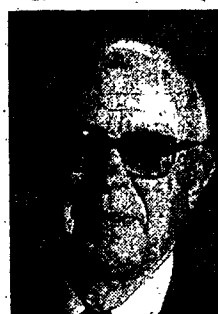
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Show your patriotism this Saturday in BSL

All folks need to show their patriotism by attending the Pray for Peace Support Our Troops set for high noon Saturday, April 26, at the St. Augustine Seminary, Highway 90, Bay St. Louis.

St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church and Justice Committee is spearheading the gathering and all concerned folks far and near are invited to attend and to pray for peace and support of American troops.

The committee reports that this is neither an anti-war nor a pro-war rally. It is a rally to pray for the safety and safe return of our troops.

As many of you know, we have many relatives and friends of our residents who are in uniform across the world. Many of Reserve Units are on active duty.

In all the wars our area has always provided a large number of residents when the calls for men and women to defend our nation.

Several weeks ago Ames Kergosien, dropped by the office to tell me about the big rally. Ames like many others has family members in uniform.

If you need further information, contact Kergosien at 467-5402, Bruce Northridge at 467-0908, or St. Rose Church at 467-7347.

Much parking space has been reserved for the rally Saturday. St. Augustine Seminary on Seminary Drive, as well as other parking across the highway on the Service Road.

We will be at the Pray for Peace Support Our Troops rally Saturday and hope you will be there too.

Today is going to be a busy day in Diamondhead, as there will be a Morning Coffee Call at the Diamondhead Country Club 8 a.m.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Morning Coffee Call
Diamondhead Country Club
8 a.m.

Business After Hours
Jackie O's Cafe
5 to 7 p.m.

The Diamondhead Business & Professional Association is the sponsors and members of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce have been invited to attend the Coffee Call to be held at the Diamondhead Country Club beginning at 8 a.m.

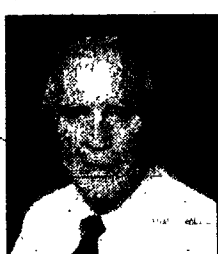
The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association's April Business After Hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at Jackie O's Cafe located at the Diamondhead Shopping Center. Host for the Coffee Call is Bill B, owner of Jackie O's Cafe.

Looks like one can eat out in the morning and evening in Diamondhead today.

We hope to see you at the Coffee Call and After Hours.

Thank goodness for whistle-blowers

Whistle-blowers. Thank goodness we have a few of them emerging in Mississippi, opening up some dark corners where taxpayers' money has gone that people wouldn't know about if some folks hadn't blown the whistle.



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

The latest whistle blast has come from former Jackson TV executive Frank Melton, who for several years crusaded on his own against the drug trade, and now is doing so for the state.

Melton, now director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics has thrown open an investigator's report on a nasty little caper orchestrated by an aide to Sen. Trent Lott shifting two MBN aircraft worth \$900,000 to two Coast counties at no cost.

Done before Melton took over the agency, the deal is increasingly smelly because the transfer bore the signature of MBN agent Warren Buchanan that was obvious-

ly forged. The MBN investigator's report has been turned over by Melton to State Auditor Phil Bryant, who last week had begun his own probe. Additionally, Melton has sent his investigator's report to the Air Force Inspector General.

"Somebody ought to go to jail," said a fuming Melton, "and if this thing leads all the way to Trent Lott, I say let the chips fall where they may."

Robbie Maxwell, who formerly worked for Lott in his Gulfport office and has since been boosted by Lott to a job as head the U.S. Justice Department's Police Corps program, is the key figure in implementing the MBN aircraft deal.

Significantly, Maxwell also figures in another probe by an Air Force Inspector General into indigenous corruption in a Meridian-Based Mississippi Air National Guard unit, arising from allegations

including operation of an illicit liquor business to the unit's lone black pilot being forced to resign amid racial slurs.

Maxwell, who Lott once planned to make sergeant-at-arms of the U.S. Senate, is reportedly shown in documents to have been the recipient of a specially-modified \$1000 Air Force pilot's headset for his personal use in learning to fly a Narcotics Bureau airplane that had been transferred from the Meridian base to Hancock County.

Allegations in the Meridian Air Guard probe, which already have resulted in the commanding officer and several top officers of the targeted unit resigning under pressure, arose from an ex-Air Guard officer blowing the whistle more than two years ago on corrupt practices happening inside the unit.

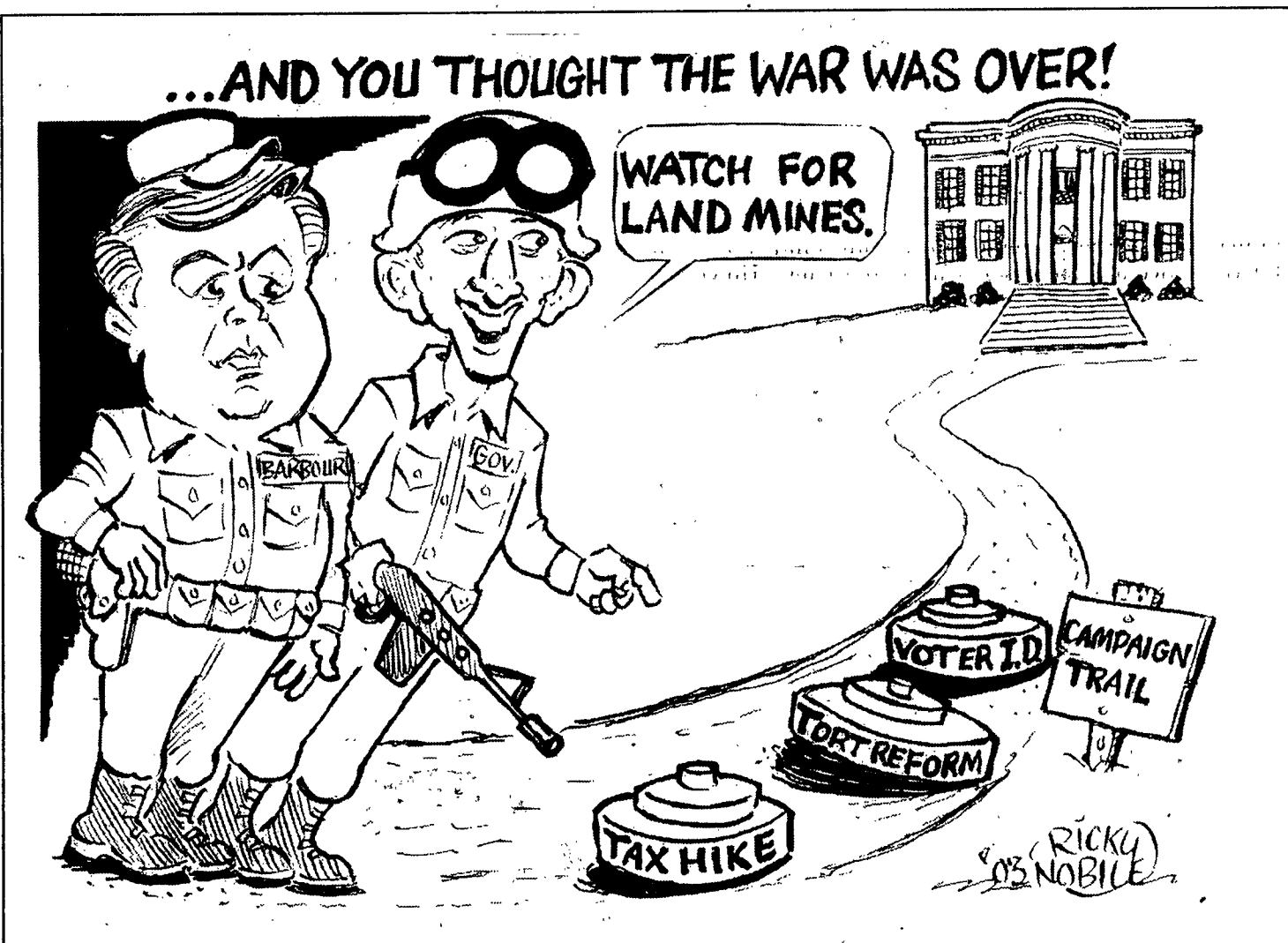
Col. Jody Bryant, formerly with the 186th Air Refueling Wing, which is the prime target of the probe, had over two years documented several dozen complaints that have now been turned over to federal investigators.

Bryant's charges of corruption at the Meridian base had been brushed off by former acting Mississippi Adjutant General George Walker in 2000, and resulted in Bryant being booted out of the Air Guard for raising the allegations.

Now a commercial pilot for FEDEX, and a colonel in the Army reserve, Bryant, 51, finally persuaded the present Adjutant General, James Lipscomb, last year to forward the charges he raised to the Air Force Inspector General's office. An AIG report in December found a number of violations by the 186th top officers including the racial incident, plus falsified reports.

Recently, a follow-up probe of corruption at the Meridian Air Guard base was launched at Gen. Lipscomb's request, to be headed by Col. Ken Emmanuel, a staff-judge advocate for the Florida Air National Guard. MNB Director Melton has also turned over the Narcotic-bureau investigator's findings to Emmanuel.

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TECHNICALITIES

BY PHIL BRYANT
State Auditor

SCHOOLS

Q: May a school district allow a lessee of a developmental lease contract to sublease cultivatable acres to a farmer on all that portion of the property he has leased which is not being presently developed?

A: Section 29-3-69 allows "subleasing or assignment of any lease of school trust lands executed after July 1, 1978, shall only be allowed when provided in the lease contract or at the discretion of the board of education: provided that permission to sublease, 6 or assign shall not be arbitrarily withheld." (Attorney General's Opinion to Chaney dated November 25, 2002)

Q: May a school district reclassify property adjoining residential development property as recreational or other and lease the land for one dollar per acre? If not, how may the value be determined for such property?

A: No. School lands must be classified according to their highest and best use for maximizing revenue. See Sections 29-3-31 and 29-3-

63(2). (Attorney General's Opinion to Chaney dated November 25, 2002)

Q: May a superintendent or school board give retirees who worked in a school district free lifetime passes to all sports events as a retirement gift?

A: A school board would have no authority to award gifts to employees upon retirement. See Article 4, Section 96 of the Mississippi Constitution. (Attorney General's Opinion to Necaise Dated December 20, 2002)

Q: Is it legal for a superintendent to give students free athletic passes to all sports events for good behavior or as a senior privilege, with or without school board approval?

A: There is nothing in the law that would prevent a school district from awarding free passes as a reward for good behavior or as a senior privilege. (Attorney General's Opinion to Necaise dated December 20, 2002)

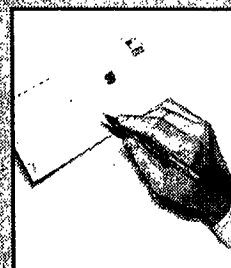
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Q: Does a board of supervisors have discretionary authority to compensate poll workers for attending certifi-

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cation classes pursuant to Section 23-15-239(3)?

A: Yes. (Attorney General's Opinion to Meadows dated January 31, 2003)

Q: Are road and bridge expenditures limited in the last year of a term of office?

A: Yes. No board of supervisors shall expend from, or contract an obligation against, the budget estimates for roads and bridges between the first day of October and the first day of the following January in excess of 1/4 of the budget, except in cases of emergency, (\$19-11-27)

Q: Are equipment pur-

chases limited in the last year of a term of office?

A: Yes. No board of supervisors nor any member thereof shall buy any machinery or equipment in the last 6 months; of their or his term unless or until he has been elected at the general election of that year. (\$19-11-27)

Q: May a board of supervisors issue road equipment notes pursuant to Section 19-1317 during the last year of a term of office?

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On a third front, an unnamed source is known to have asked the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to look into a series of allegations of Hatch Act violations and political favoritism by the USDA Rural Development Agency Mississippi director Nick Walters, a political appointee of the Bush Administration.

Walters, previously an activist in Republican state politics and an unsuccessful GOP candidate for Secretary of State in 1999, had been nominated two years ago to the \$120,000-a-year USDA job by Sens. Thad Cochran and Trent Lott.

One allegation is that Walters' USDA credit card was yanked because he exceeded the credit limit and charged such things as political meals, massages and X-rated movies

to the agency. That was denied by Ken Stribling, a former state legislator who is now Walters' information officer.

"He gave back his card voluntarily, it was not cancelled," Stribling declared.

Among other allegations was one that during the 2002 Third District Congressional race Walters had set up a number of USDA grant awards in the district and had Republican Chip Pickering make the announcements to the exclusion of his Democratic opponent, Ronnie Shows, both of whom were incumbent congressmen at the time of the election.

Robert Collier, who retired last December as Southwest Mississippi director for the Rural Development agency after more than 30 years with

the USDA, said he "heard mention" that Walters arranged grant award events to benefit Pickering, but that he was not asked to personally take part in such events.

"He (Walters) is a politician, and ambitious," declared Collier, "there's no question about that."

Stribling conceded that "we did a lot of publicity when we would do a grant in the Third District," but insisted that it was because Pickering was more aggressive than Shows in seeking USDA grants in the district. "We didn't hear anything from Shows," Stribling said.

Shows, who lost the 2002 race to Pickering, said from his home in Bassfield that in his four years as the congressman from the former Southwest Mississippi Fourth district "We pushed for as many USDA

grants as it was possible to get. I've always lived in a small, rural county and I know the needs of rural areas."

Specifically asked about a grant to the town of Magnolia to buy police cars that Pickering announced just several days prior to the Nov. 5, 2002 election, Shows said he had "not been invited" to take part.

Collier said he had nothing to do with the allegations sent to the USDA, but added "some one must have known what they were talking about."

Stribling said he had heard of no OIG investigation but surmised that the allegations may have come from someone connected with the agency.

"There are some people who do not like what Nick has done to shake up the agency," he added.

Bryant

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A: No. (§19-13-17)

Q: How may road equipment repairs be made in the last 6 months of a supervisor's term of office?

A: Any road equipment repair to be made after July 1 of the last year of a term of office exceeding \$500.00 shall not be made until the board of supervisors has authorized the repair at a regular or special meeting of the board. (§ 19-13-2 1)

Q: Is there a limitation on hiring road employees during the last year of a term of office?

A: Yes. No board of supervisors or member thereof may employ during the months of May, June, July, and August of any year in which a general primary election is held for the office of supervisor a greater number of persons to work and maintain the public roads than the average number of persons employed for similar purposes during the months of May, June, July, and August of the 3 years immediately preceding the election year. (§23-15-881)

Q: Is there a limitation on state aid contracts during the last year of a term of office?

A: Yes. No contracts for state aid projects may be awarded during the last 6 months of boards of supervisors' term of office unless construction programs embracing such projects shall have been adopted by the boards and approved by the State Aid Engineer in writing prior to July 1 of the year. (§65-9-19)

Q: Is there a limitation on road and bridge construction and maintenance contracts during the last year of a term of office?

A: Yes. No contract for road and bridge construction and maintenance may be awarded that extends beyond 30 days from the termination and end of the term of office of the members of the boards of supervisors awarding same. (§65-7-95)

MUNICIPALITIES

Q: When should municipalities review their contracts with county boards of supervisors?

A: All contracts should be reviewed on a regular basis. However, (this being an election year) a new board of supervisors may not be bound by the current board's agreements. Non binding contracts should be identified and contingency preparations made.

Q: Must a municipality hold a sale of land on the first Monday in April for delinquent real property ad valorem taxes?

A: No. Section 27-41-59 allows this sale to be optional; however, the last

Monday in August sale is mandatory if there are such unpaid taxes at that time.

Q: When a vendor requires cash for purchases, may an employee or officer of the municipality buy commodities for the municipality using his own money, then turn in a bill for repayment?

A: No. Section 25-4-105 of the ethics law prohibits a municipality from contracting with its officers or employees. A reimbursement of this nature would be a contract and a violation of the ethics law.

Q: Must a municipality with a population of 2000 or less maintain a claims docket?

A: No. Section 21-39-7 allows the claims docket to be optional for such municipalities. However, Section 21-39-5 requires each claim to appear in the minutes of the municipality.

Q: May a municipality purchase land from the state when such land was struck to the state in a county ad valorem tax sale?

A: Yes. Section 21-37-49 allows purchases using general fund money. Section 29-1-51 also allows such land to be transferred under certain conditions.

Q: May a municipal board be paid for attending a special board meeting?

A: No. (§21-3-21)

Q: May a municipal employee (such as a police officer) collect fine payments after city hall is closed?

A: No. Section 21-23-11 only provides for the clerk of the court (or deputy clerk) to collect fine money. If a police officer, dispatcher or other municipal employee collects fine money, they must be made a deputy court clerk and collect such funds in that capacity.

GENERAL NOTE: The following question modifies previous questions in the 2002-11, 20029 and 2003-01 issues of Technicalities.

Q: Can an employee whose regular day off falls on a holiday receive pay?

A: Local governing authorities may not pay for holidays when no work is performed, but are limited to allowing additional leave. (Attorney General's Opinion to Mitchell dated January 31, 2003)

Q: Has the mileage reimbursement rate changed?

A: Yes. Effective January 16, 2003, the mileage reimbursement rate was reduced to 36.0 cents per mile. See the website of the Department of Finance and Administration, www.dfa.state.ms.us, for

more information.

Q: What are the criteria for paying professional association dues?

A: The governing authority must factually determine (1) The professional association dues are reasonable and necessary to the performance of the employees' duties; and (2) The membership must accrue to the benefit of the governing authority, and any benefit to the individual must be merely incidental. (Attorney General's Opinion to Bailey dated January 31, 2003)

Q: May a retired elected official drawing a salary pursuant to Section 25-11-127 receive health insurance benefits?

A: Health insurance premiums are a form of compensation not specifically exempted under this Section. If the retiree is already drawing the maximum compensation allowed under the 25% provision, the employer may not pay additional compensation in the form of insurance premiums, but may pay the premiums after the retiree has paid the premiums to the employer in advance. If the salary for the elected position is less than 25% of the retiree's average compensation, it would appear that the employer may pay premiums up to an amount which would not exceed the 25% limit when the insurance payments are combined with the salary and other non-exempt forms of compensation actually paid. (Attorney General's Opinion to Joseph dated January 24, 2003)

Q: May public equipment or work time be used for election campaigning purposes?

A: No. Use of public equipment or work time for election campaigning purposes would not be lawful. (Attorney General's Opinion to Walters dated July 10, 1991)

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Bay teen changes lives through acting

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

One Bay St. Louis teen is helping others through her acting.

Marlana Turner, 15, has been serving as a lead character in "Final Exit," a four-dimensional production where audience members walk through a tour of "brutally realistic" scenes depicting the consequences of negligent decisions.

The Hancock Middle School student landed the role of Kim, a girl who makes several bad decisions in her life that lead to terrible consequences.

She auditioned for the role after her sister saw "Final Exit" in Baton Rouge. The dramatic presentation is currently in

Slidell, La.

Turner originally auditioned because it seemed like a fun project and because she always plays "innocent" people. This part allowed her to become someone who made life-changing mistakes and helped her build stronger characters.

She later discovered that her participation in the production was actually touching people's lives. After people walked through the tour, she heard them say that the production's message really "hit home."

"Final Exit" is currently running in Slidell through May 3. Doors open at 7 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Children under 11 are not admitted; children between the ages of 11 and



Both Marlana Turner and her father, Bill, are involved in "Final Exit," a "brutally realistic" production in Slidell, La.

13 are only admitted with parental consent. Admission is \$8.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

For more information, visit the web site www.finalexit.com.

OLA junior selected for MS Governor's School

Sarah Crowe, junior at Our Lady Academy, has been selected to participate in the 2003 session of the Mississippi Governor's School to be held June 8-27.

The theme for the 2003 Session is "Arts in Academia: Investigating the Role of the Arts in the Curricula."

Established in 1981 by Governor William F. Winter at Mississippi University for Women, the Governor's School is a residential honors program designed to provide academic, creative, and leadership experiences for a limited number of rising high school juniors and seniors who have demonstrated exceptional ability and achievement in their studies and who show high intellectual, creative, and leadership potential.

Crowe is an All-A Honor Roll student and a

member of the National Honor Society.

She has been a Pepsi Student of the Year twice, a class representative of the OLA Campus Ministry Council for three years, a member of the varsity cross-country team for four years.

As a sophomore, Crowe was a member of the OLA Math and Science Team, and as a freshman, she was selected for the Long Beach Youth Leadership Gulf Coast program.

Crowe, the daughter of Barbara and Lee Crowe of Long Beach, is a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach and is very active in the parish youth activities. She plays the piano, takes ballet lessons, and is a Senior Gold Award Girl Scout.

By participating in the Governor's School, Crowe will earn three hours of college credit.

\$125,000 endowment established for freshman

An endowment of \$125,000 was established recently at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast to fund The Mary Loraine Peets Buffett Endowed Freshman Scholarship.

Anticipated to be awarded by fall 2004, the scholarship will be based on academic merit and financial need to a female student from the Mississippi Gulf Coast who is entering USMGC. The annual scholarship will provide tuition and books. Along with maintaining a 3.0 grade point average, the student will be required to write a 250-word essay demonstrating creative writing ability.

"I look with great fondness to Gulf Park College and my years spent there," Buffett said. "Meeting girls from all over the country and reveling in challenging academics truly opened up my whole world. I am honored to be a part of giving

another Mississippi girl this wonderful, life-enriching opportunity."

"Peets," as family and friends know her, is a 1940 graduate of the Gulf Park College for Women.

The Gulf Park College for Women was in operation from 1917 until 1971. USM Gulf Coast acquired the campus in 1972. The scholarship is now possible at USM Gulf Coast since it expanded to offer freshman and sophomore courses.

"As we grow our Gulf Park campus, it will be vital that we have scholarships of this nature that give Southern Miss a better ability to attract top quality students to our coast campus," Southern Miss President Dr. Shelby Thames said. "We appreciate this gift and hope that this scholarship will be one of many to follow for our Gulf Park students."

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Dr. Tuminello (kneeling) with staff members Melonie Nestle, Dee LaFontaine, Dootise Cook and Kim Caudill accept the special award. Making the presentation was Ellis C. Cuevas, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee chairman. Dr. Tuminello's office is located at Highway 90 and Dunbar Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

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The winners include:

- Lisa Marie Lee, Jeff Davis Elementary, *Backpacking the Curriculum*
- Mary L. Rodgers, Ocean Springs Middle School, *Project Welcome*
- Karrol Sovelt, Du Kate Elementary, *WKAD Radio: Whiz Kids at Du Kate Radio*
- Connie S. Sturgill, Du Kate Elementary, *Blast-Off to Writing*

Funded by Hancock Bank, these awards were created to accomplish two objectives - to recognize teachers' excellence and their innumerable contributions to the Coast and to support teachers by providing funding for projects in their classrooms. Started in 1994, the endowment fund is managed as a permanent fund of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation's "Pat Santucci Friends of Public Education" program.

Winners are chosen by an independent selection committee whose members are not affiliated with Hancock Bank. Applications for nominations for the year 2004 awards will be available by September 15, 2003, at all public school offices and Hancock Bank offices in Pearl River, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Forrest and Jefferson Davis counties or from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation by calling 228-868-1563.

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The initial study reports that the DuPont DeLisle plant is routinely monitored by the DEQ. Two natural barriers of shale, chalk and saline aquifers prevent the iron chloride solution injected into deep wells from migrating to water wells, the report concludes.

In 1995, groundwater contamination by heavy metals and solvents were found in a shallow aquifer under the plant, the report continues, but tests indicated that contamination had not moved beyond the plant site. ATSDR concluded that the contamination found in shallow wells on the site

had not impacted the local water supply and that the groundwater flow from the plant is toward the Bay of St. Louis, not area residential wells.

The agency did find, they reported, that contaminant levels in water samples from some private wells contained elevated levels of copper and lead.

The source of the contamination was not named, but is under investigation, the report says, by the Mississippi Department of Health.

The conclusions in the first report, however, are only the first in a series of three reports which will be released by the agency.

Two more investigations are underway, looking into potential exposure to air emissions and exposure to dioxin contaminated waste.

Additional public hearings will be held on the findings of these studies when they are complete.

The ATSDR conducted a health consultation in Pass Christian last July as a result of initial evidence gathered by the agency in October of 2001.

Former police detective W.P. Jones requested that the agency investigate possible disease clusters in the area.

A suit alleging ill health effects as a result of exposure to toxic releases from the DuPont DeLisle plant was filed in circuit court in December on behalf of more than 2,000 area residents who say they are suffering from various serious illnesses ranging from cancer to neurological problems.

Earlier this year, a press release from the Scorecard

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website for Environmental Defense indicated that, according to figures reported to the TRI, the Environmental Protection Agency's toxic emissions registry, Mississippi tops all 50 states in terms of total environmental releases for dioxin compounds, with Harrison County receiving almost half of the total reported releases for the entire U.S., all due to land disposal at a single facility, the DuPont DeLisle Plant. The plant reports almost 15 million pounds of toxic releases each year.

Plant officials say toxic releases are not polluting surrounding areas.

The ATSDR reports that information for its studies comes from environmental data, local and national health statistics, and community concerns.

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viewed about 20 witnesses, most of whom said the man arrested had been acting violent throughout the day and had repeatedly resisted arrest.

Some witnesses said the incident "looked kind of bad," but others said those who complained only saw the end of the arrest, Lally

said.

Police records show the man arrested, identified as 21-year-old James McGrew of Biloxi, had been jailed at least 13 times in recent years on including resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assault on a school official.

During the five-week

investigation, Dawson remained on the force.

Lally said the recommendation that no disciplinary action be taken against the officer will be presented to the Pass Christian Board of Aldermen. Aldermen will have the final say on the incident.

Stabbed

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at approximately 7:10 p.m., reporting two men fighting. Homeowner James Henne of Possum Fork Road in northwest Hancock County was found bleeding from a wound to his neck and from an ear, Hancock Investigator Matt Barnett said.

Barnett, who is handling the case reported Henne was rushed to Hancock Medical Center and underwent surgery to repair the neck wound. "Henne was very lucky, as the wound to his neck was very close to his jugular vein. The stab wound was an inch or so

deep. The surgeon had to repair torn neck muscles and tendons," Barnett added.

Garcia was arrested by responding deputies and transported to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility, Barnett added.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at the Waveland Methodist Church located on Central Avenue and Vacation Lane in Waveland, Ms.

TOPS best loser for the week was Judy with a loss of 6 3/4 lbs. KOPS best loser for the week was Debbie E. Youth best loser for the week was Stephon

with 1/4 lb. Gift was won by Debbie E. Incentive was won by Charlotte. Welcomed Debbie, Margaret and Leila as new members. Welcomed Regina as a visitor. Perfect Attendance Charms for the year was presented to Judy and Wenda. Program was our TOPS game.

TOPS, MS 233 meet

every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-in is from 5-6 pm with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 Chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Flinging Into Spring at North Bay

Students at North Bay Elementary have been gearing up for the annual Spring Fling, a good old fashioned carnival, taking place this Friday, April 25 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Each class has contributed items for a Silent Auction, including handcrafted items such as windchimes, handpainted benches, Barbie furniture, tables, shelves, jewelry boxes, and so much more. Community merchants have donated items such as

rounds of golf, kayak rentals, dinners, artwork, pet services, museum passes, tickets to local attractions, and a surprise item autographed by Brett Favre. The carnival will feature booths such as a cake walk, tattoos, fish pond, and feed the elephant. The Waveland Fire Train and Bay St. Louis Police finger printing and Ids will be available for free. Children can also enjoy a spagewalk, arts and crafts stations,

and woodworking. Parents will be able to purchase Discount Gas Cards for \$60, for huge savings on gas. (Details available on site)

The event is sponsored by the North Bay Elementary PTO. All proceeds will be used toward supplies and services for students and teachers. Anyone wishing to attend the Spring Fling should park in the stadium parking on Athletic Drive, behind North Bay. For more information, call 467-4757.

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Obituaries

MARY BESANCON RONALD HAGENSEE PEARLINE JOHNSON GLORIA LEE

MARY BESANCON
Mary Elliot Besancon, 55, died Tuesday, April 22, 2003, in Picayune.

Mrs. Besancon was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Picayune. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include two brothers, Danny Besancon Sr. of Mobile, Ala., and Louis Charles Besancon of Picayune; and one sister, Delores Davis of Bay St. Louis.

Graveside funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Logtown Cemetery. Picayune Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

RONALD HAGENSEE
Ronald C. "Ronnie" Hagensee, 60, of Gulfport died Saturday, April 19, 2003 in Gulfport.

Mr. Hagensee was a life long resident of the gulf

coast. He attended St. John's High School and traveled the world in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the Leisure Services Department with the City of Gulfport. At the time of his death, he worked and coached sports for St. John's High School. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Although he had no children of his own, he was known as "Uncle Ronnie" to many. Many students knew him affectionately as "Coach."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Glenda Hagensee and his father, Charles Hagensee.

Survivors include his mother, Eva Hagensee of Long Beach, a brother, Dennis Hagensee of Gulfport, nephews, Michael Hagensee of Waveland and Macy Hagensee of Oregon. The Mass of the

Resurrection was celebrated Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Interment was in Evergreen Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

PEARLINE JOHNSON
Pearline Johnson, 85, a resident of Diamondhead, died Sunday, April 20, 2003 in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Johnson was a native of Starkville and a resident of the Gulf Coast for 27 years. She was a former resident of Clarksdale.

Mrs. Johnson was a retired seamstress from Shankerman's Mens Store in Clarksdale. She was a member of Diamondhead Garden Club, a longtime youth Sunday school teacher and a charter member of the Diamondhead

Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Hoyt Johnson. Survivors include her sons, Hoyte C. and his wife, Billie, Johnson of Gulfport; E. R. "Buck" and his wife, Julia, Johnson of Gulfport; Bobby Joe Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.; her daughters, Doris Carpenter of Jackson; Lou Ann and her husband Bob Powell of Wayzata, Minn.; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation and services were held Wednesday at Diamondhead Baptist Church. Another visitation will be at Center Grove Baptist Church in Maben on Friday, April 25, from 2 to 3 p.m. with funeral service following at 3 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Center Grove Baptist Church Cemetery following the service.

The family prefers memorial contributions to Diamondhead Baptist Church Building Fund,

63780 Diamondhead Drive North, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

GLORIA LEE
Ms. Gloria E. Lee, 72, a native and resident of Bay St. Louis died Friday, April 18, 2003 in Gulfport.

Ms. Lee was a member of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, and worked as a secretary at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Marquerite Bennette.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 24, 2003 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

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Civil Air Patrol names new wing commander

Colonel John B. Wilkes, assumed command of the Mississippi Civil Air Patrol from Colonel Donald Angel at the Mississippi Wing Conference held at the Ramada Inn, Diamondhead.

Colonel Wilkes is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and is retired from the Marines after over 30 years of service. Col. Wilkes military education includes graduation from the Amphibious Warfare School, Command and Staff College (both Marine Corps and Air Force), Landing Force Planning School (all levels), Naval War College (National Security Decision Making), and National Defense University (RCNSC).

During his last assignment, Col. Wilkes also served as a controller for the National Defense Reserve Components National Security Course (career course for reserve colonels from all services). At his last presentation of the course at NAS

Pensacola, he was selected to be the Exercise Director in the absence of the regular Army officer who had been recalled for the regular course in Washington.

As an occasional author, Col. Wilkes has been published in the Marine Corps

Gazette, The Corps' most professional publication, with a feature article for the particular edition, an extremely rare achievement for a reserve officer. Col. Wilkes also was selected to serve on several promotion boards at HQ Marine Corps.

In civilian life, Col. Wilkes is a retired airline executive and aviation attorney. After law school he became

Nashville, Tennessee's first night judge and was in private practice there until accepting the position of General Counsel for Capitol International Airways, a DC-8 and DC-10 operating of world wide passenger service in 1978. He eventually served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Buffalo Airways, a 707 cargo carrier that hauled supplies to Desert Shield/Storm, and he received the civilian medal for that campaign from the Air Force.

Col. Wilkes joined the CAP in August of 1993 and accepted the CAP grade of Lieutenant Colonel. He was immediately assigned the billet of Wing Legal Officer, which he has held ever since. After another short period, he accepted the command of the Singing River Composite Squadron in Pascagoula.

He held this position until March of 1999, when



Col. John B. Wilkes, left, is pictured with Col. Donald Angel. Wilkes assumed command of the Mississippi Civil Air Patrol during the Mississippi Wing Conference held at Ramada Inn in Diamondhead.

he was assigned to his present position as the Wing Vice Commander. Col. Wilkes is a mission check pilot with a senior pilot rating. He has attended the Legal Staff College twice, the SER Staff College, the Inspector General Staff College, the National Staff College, and the Wing Commander's Course. He recently completed Level V and was presented the Gill Robb Wilson Award.

Col. Wilkes and his wife,

Jo Ann, reside in Pascagoula. Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force Auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization. It performs 95 percent of inland search and rescue missions in the States, as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to America's youths through CAP cadet programs.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
WHEREAS, on June 11, 2001, CAROLYN D. SCAFFIDI executed and delivered a Deed of Trust to Harry R. Allen, Trustee for HANCOCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 638 at page 434 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, said deed of Trust was assigned to TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK by Assignment dated June 11, 2001, and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 638 at Page 450 in the aforesaid office; and

WHEREAS, TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK appointed Gerald M. Warren as Substitute Trustee by instrument dated March 24, 2003, filed March 27, 2003, and recorded in the Deed of

Trust Book 749 at Page 784 of the aforesaid records; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, which default has continued for a period of time necessary for the holder to declare the entire unpaid balance immediately due and payable, and TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK, the holder of the Deed of Trust as aforesaid, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee so to do, I will on the 1st day of May, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property lying and being situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 16, PARADISE POINT SUBDIVISION, a subdivision of the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat

thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this 4th day of April 2003

Gerald M. Warren

Attorney at Law

P.O. Box 1506

Gulfport, MS 39502

MS Bar No. 05963

04/10, 04/17, 04/24/03

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1998, Ersan Ferit Yurtas, a married man, executed a deed of trust to Joseph Kelly, Attorney at Law, trustee for the benefit of Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 529 at Page 450 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee by instrument dated October 20, 1998, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 740 at Page 815, and

WHEREAS, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted John C. Underwood, Jr., as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated February 12, 2003 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 745 at Page 839; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due there under, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr., Substituted Trustee, in said deed of trust, will on the 13th day of May, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 19 and 20, Square F, Jourdan River Isles Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of the said subdivision on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 28th day of March, 2003.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Lott cuts ribbon for new hangar at Stennis

A ceremonial ribbon was cut by Mississippi Senator Trent Lott today to mark the opening of an aircraft hangar at the Stennis International Airport in Hancock County, Mississippi, that will be used to modify C-130 airplanes. John Salter, Vice President of Operations for Memphis International, said that the company planned to retro-fit existing C-130's with state-of-the-art electronic equipment that will add new capabilities to this workhorse of U.S. and allied air forces.

Memphis International, under contract with defense contractor Rockwell Collins, will initially work on military aircraft with future plans calling for retrofit

modifications on commercial and corporate aircraft.

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, the county's economic development arm, announced late last year that Stennis Airport had been selected by Memphis International. John Salter, Vice President of Operations for the company, said that Stennis was selected because of the availability of an existing aircraft hangar, the 8,500' runway, the instrument landing system, and the ability of the area workforce to support this type of aviation work.

The first aircraft will arrive in June, after modifications to existing hangar facilities have been completed. The initial workforce

will number approximately 25 individuals, with this number expected to increase as the company secures additional contracts.

Hal Walters, Executive Director of the Port and Harbor Commission, the agency that oversees the operation of Stennis Airport and the Port Bienville Industrial Park, stated that Memphis International is the type of company, carrying out the type of activity, that the Commission has

sought for Stennis Airport.

"We've had many opportunities to rent this facility to those who were interested in storing aircraft, but that's not what we're about. We're about creating jobs in Hancock County, and that's why we're pleased to be selected for this activity by

Stennis Airport has also recently announced that Optech International, a Canadian company involved in the design and manufacture of aerial remote sensing systems, will be the

anchor tenant in a new Stennis Technical Building that will be completed in September of this year.

Also, Mardi Gras Air was recently selected by Port and Harbor to serve as a second Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at Stennis Airport joining Phillips Aviation that has served for many years at the airport.

Contacts:

Hal Walters, Executive Director - Port and Harbor Commission (228) 467-9231; Bill Cotter, Airport Manager - Port and Harbor Commission (228) 467-7070; John Salter, Vice President of Operations - Memphis International (770) 246-0771.

Jobless rate drops

BY BARBARA POWELL JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi's unemployment rate fell in February, thanks to job gains in the education and health services sectors.

But the state continues to lose manufacturing jobs — down 900 in February from the month before. Mississippi has lost 9,200 manufacturing jobs since February 2001.

The accommodations and food services sectors lost 500 jobs in February, reflecting the seasonal slowdown for hotels and restaurants.

The state's February jobless rate was 6.1 percent, compared to 7.1 percent in January and 6.7 percent in February 2002.

But Mississippi's unemployment level still trails the national rate. U.S. unemployment was 5.8 percent both in March and in February. The last time Mississippi's jobless rate fell below 6 percent was in December 2001 when the rate was 5.9 percent. Since that time, the highest jobless rate was in June 2002 when unemployment hit 7.6 percent.

Nationally, the unem-

ployment rate has hovered at about 6 percent since November 2001.

In other data released by the Employment Security Commission this week, the number of workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell 21 percent between January and February to 123,955. But claims are down only 1 percent from February a year ago.

Nationally, jobless claims last week hit their highest level in nearly a year.

In Mississippi, Sharkey County switched places with Webster County for the dubious honor of posting the state's highest monthly unemployment. Sharkey County's February jobless rate was 18.2 percent.

In Webster County, where the January jobless rate hit a state high of 21 percent, the unemployment rate improved to 17.1 percent.

Lamar County continued to have the state's lowest jobless rate, 2.8 percent in February, down from 3.1 percent in January.

Casino vessel vandalized

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS Publisher Emeritus

The proposed Phoenix Leisure casino boat located at Bayou Caddy was vandalized over the weekend, Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber reports.

The sheriff's office received a call from the security guard on Monday morning reporting the incident.

"Slot machines were gutted, neon signs destroyed and a self-contained breathing apparatus used by firefighters was stolen," Garber said.

Hancock Investigator Matt Barnett, who is investigating the vandalism said, "It appears there was more than one person involved. There was just lots of vandalism, as 22 slots were damaged and other damages."

The incident is believed to have occurred between Friday evening and Monday morning, officers say.

Anyone with any information about the vandalism are asked to call the sheriff's office at 467-5101. Garber said all information would be kept confidential.

Calgon Carbon sets plant safety record

Calgon Carbon Corporation's Pearl River Plant achieved a safety milestone on March 18th by working 5 years without an OSHA Recordable Incident (ORI).

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The company celebrated the event with a crawfish boil held at Buccaneer State Park. Employees, friends and family members attended the festivities which

included an Easter egg hunt for the children and a horse shoe tournament. John Stanik, Interim President and CEO, presented an award to the employees of the Pearl River Plant.

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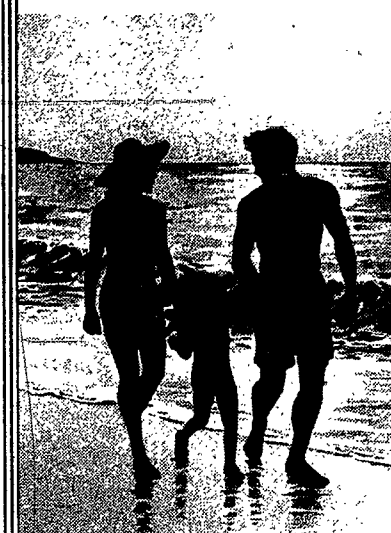


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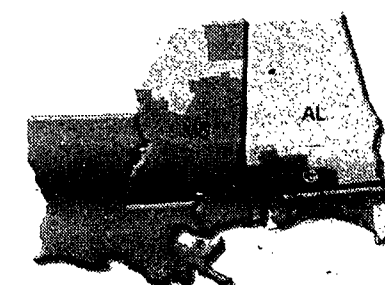
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Entertainment

Three theaters in Bay St. Louis offer variety

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Already known for its thriving arts colony, Bay St. Louis may be soon recognized for its theater community as well.

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, which was established over 50 years ago, has recently been joined by two new theater companies — The Olde Towne Players and Court St. Cabaret.

Members of each theater hope and predict the small community here will support three theater companies. They also believe having a selection of performing arts will benefit the county's residents.

"The more theater groups there are here, the more awareness they bring to performing arts in the county," said Gwen Impson, founder of The ARTS, an umbrella organization that covers arts in Hancock County.

"Some shows may not appeal to some people," she

said. "So, it's good to have a variety of artistic expression. The more the better."

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre

Scott Darrah, who currently serves as the president of Bay St. Louis Little Theatre's board of directors, said the new theaters will add more venues and variety for the community to choose from.

Like the other theater members, Darrah expects a positive reaction from the community. He also hopes all three theaters will complement one another.

"When we have a situation like this (where there are more than one theater in a small town) and the people involved are genuine, then this helps create interest for all the groups in the community," Darrah said.

If everyone involved is passionate about performing arts, he said, then the groups will end up complementing one another rather than competing against one another.

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Olde Towne Players
Nan Ehrbright, a founder of the new Olde Towne Players, believes three theaters can successfully exist within a small community.

When she and her husband moved to the area in 1983, there were three the-

aters — the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, the Waveland Players and the Diamondhead Little Theatre. Although the latter two later dissipated, she said all three attracted crowds.

Ehrbright pointed out that each theater will offer different types of entertainment.

She said Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will continue to offer crowd pleasers, Court St. Cabaret will provide dinner theater and The Olde Towne Players will indulge in experimental theater.

"The more theater you have, the better for everyone," she said.

Ehrbright predicts a group of performers that rotate from theater to theater may even evolve.

"People involved in the theater want to do as much as they can, and they will trav-

el from group to group," she said.

Court St. Cabaret
Colleen Abadie, founder of Court St. Cabaret, agreed with both Darrah and Ehrbright.

"There's no need for there to be competition between the theaters," Abadie said. "I think much more can be gained by people working in conjunction with one another."

Whether or not the community embraces three theaters, does not seem to worry Abadie.

"I believe this is a community founded on the basis of the arts," she said. "It's an artistic community. Three theaters means three choices."

Abadie also believes the small theater community will attract people from outside the county.

For details, call Court St. Cabaret at 228-467-3636; the Olde Towne Players at 228-467-5563; or Bay St. Louis Little Theatre at 228-467-2587.

Charlie Daniels Band takes the stage at Magic



Charlie Daniels

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Must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

Daniels broke through as a record maker with 1973's "Honey In the Rock" and its hit hippie song, "Uneasy Rider." His rebel anthems "Long Haired Country Boy" and "The

South's Gonna Do It" propelled his 1975 collection "Fire On the Mountain" to Double Platinum status.

In the summer of 1979 Daniels delivered "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," which became a Platinum single, topped both country and pop charts, won a Grammy Award, became an international phenomenon, earned three Country Music Association trophies, became a cornerstone of the "Urban Cowboy" movie soundtrack and propelled Daniel's "Million Mile Reflections" album to Triple Platinum sales levels.

Coast Chorale to perform April 27

Local members of the Coast Chorale will perform Sunday, April 27, at the Gateway United Methodist Church in Lyman.

Joining the Coast Chorale will be an ensemble from the Chancel Choir of the First Baptist Church in Pascagoula. The group will be accompanied by a full chamber orchestra.

In addition to the April 27 performance, the chorale will perform in Pascagoula at First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 4.

Both performances will begin at 3 p.m. The concerts are free of charge and open to the public.

Both will consist of many works by John Rutter, including "Feel the Spirit," "Psalm 150" and "Skylark." Members of the Coast

Chorale and the Chancel Choir recently performed in New York City at Carnegie Hall under the direction of John Rutter.

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Lyman is located about four miles north of Interstate 10 in Gulfport.

'Noises Off!' at BSLT

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will present "Noises Off!" May 9-11, 16-18 and 23-24 at the John F. Holmes Playhouse.

This comedy by Michael Frayn reveals the chaos that takes place during a traveling theater company's production of "Nothing On."

"Noises Off!" offers its audience the opportunity to see what happens in rehearsals and backstage. The show also illustrates the devastatingly comical effects that personal emotions can have on a production.

"Noises Off!" will star Kim Decidue, Lenny Scardino, Shannon Jenkins, Malinda Braland, Edward Duhon, Michelle Kessling, John Anderson, Brady Bordelon, John Killinger and Taylor Corso.

Theresa Scardino will direct. Others involved include Larry Clark, assistant director; Scott Darrah, producer; David A. May, stage manager; Mark Decidue, lights; and Cecilia Howe, Russel Krosgrad, Juanita May and Stacy Schiro.

Show times are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

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Exchange Club honors Bourgeois with Book of Golden Deeds Award

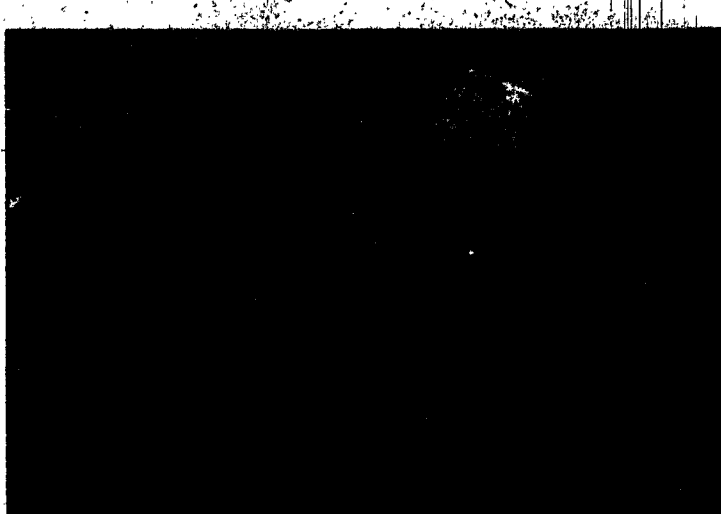
The Exchange Club of Hancock County has honored local citizen, Theresa S. Bourgeois, with the Book of Golden Deeds Award. She was presented with this honor as a result of her volunteerism efforts in Hancock County. She was awarded a special plaque on 3/13/03 to commemorate the occasion.

Theresa has been an active volunteer with Hancock Medical Center since 1985. She currently serves as President of the Medical Center Auxiliary, Director of the Volunteer Services Department, President of the Mississippi Hospital Association Volunteer/Auxiliaries, and has been Treasurer of the

Hancock Medical Center Foundation Board for over 13 years. She was selected as an "Unsung Hero" and was one of six honorees designated a "Mississippi Woman of the Year" in 1997.

Since 1988, Theresa has given approximately 20,000 hours of volunteer service to the Hancock Medical Center. She has been married to Randolph Bourgeois for 56 years and they have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

The Book of Golden Deeds Award is an Exchange Club program that honors a worthy person or group who continuously donates time, talent, and energy to help those in need. Many times, fine citi-



Linda Graffeo, left, Exchange Club President and Theresa S. Bourgeois, Book of Golden Deeds Honoree

zens of our community do numerous good deeds that go unnoticed. This award is designed to honor these

unsung heroes. We congratulate Mrs. Theresa S. Bourgeois.

Leo W. Seal Teacher Award winners named

Four outstanding South Mississippi educators stepped to the front of the class yesterday to accept accolades, pewter apples, and cash grants for their efforts to make a difference in Gulf Coast students' lives.

Selected based on their applications of teaching and leadership skills in the classroom, 2003 recipients of the Leo W. Seal Teacher Recognition Awards are Lisa Marie Lee of Biloxi's Jeff Davis Elementary School; Mary L. Rodgers of Ocean Springs Middle School; Karol Sovell of Du Kate Elementary School in Biloxi; and Connie S. Sturgill, also of Du Kate Elementary School. In addition to one-time \$1,000 grants, each teacher receives a pewter apple designed and crafted for Hancock Bank by John Cannon of Ballard Pewter, Ltd., in Ocean Springs as a tangible reminder of superior educational commitment.

Lee's Backpacking the Curriculum program at Jeff Davis Elementary School encourages active parental involvement in children's education using take-home backpacks filled with skill-building activities designed to reinforce classroom instruction, including Spanish language curriculum. A cross-curricular English and technology initiative that strengthens grammar skills and addresses each of the Mississippi language arts educational benchmarks, Rodgers' Project Welcome

engages students in creating promotional brochures to welcome new students and families to Ocean Springs Middle School. WKAD Radio: Whiz Kids at Du Kate Radio, Sovell's winning project, proposes an FM radio station at Du Kate Elementary School as an innovative live and pre-recorded communication bridge among school, home, and community enhancing students' oral and written communication abilities as well as community and family participation in school activities. Sturgill's Blast-Off to Writing integrates real-world writing and critical thinking requirements through a Writing Spot that introduces students to writing fundamentals as they conduct and document hands-on scientific discovery exercises supporting district and state writing and science objectives.

Established in 1994 and funded by Hancock Bank, the Leo W. Seal awards laud teaching excellence and individual contributions to South Mississippi education and support teachers by funding innovative classroom projects to enhance the value of students' educational experience. The awards commemorate the leadership and achievements of the late Leo W. Seal, Sr., Hancock Bank president from 1932 until his death in 1963, and his son, current Hancock Holding Company chairman Leo W. Seal, Jr., in facilitat-

ing economic growth and educational opportunities across the region. The Gulf Coast Community Foundation (GCCF) manages the endowment as a permanent fund of the GCCF's Pat Santucci Friends of Public Education program.

This past fall, teachers, parents, and students nominated kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers from school districts in Forrest, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Pearl River, and Jefferson Davis counties. Teachers receiving invitations to submit full project proposals presented their ideas to an independent selection committee comprising representatives from the seven counties and not affiliated with Hancock Bank.

Applications for 2004 nominations will be available September 15, 2003, at all public school offices and Hancock Bank locations in Pearl River, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Forrest, Lamar, and Jefferson Davis counties or from GCCF (Phone: 228-868-1563).

GCCF is a public charity dedicated to the progressive development of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The foundation's primary mission is to increase philanthropic support of worthy causes by providing donor services, grants, and problem-solving leadership. The foundation achieves that mission by developing and managing a comprehensive base of endowment funds -

Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 awards two scholarships

Every year Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 of the American Legion Auxiliary awards a \$500.00 scholarship to the child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a veteran. Another scholarship of \$500.00 is awarded to a member of the American Legion's Junior Auxiliary. These scholarships can be used at the college or university of their choice.

Heather Cowand, Education Chairman for Unit 139 reported that the scholarships this year were awarded as follows. The National President's local scholarship went to Jesse Alen Beck, and the Local Spirit of Youth scholarship went to Junior member Tara Ladner.

Jesse is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Beck of Bay St. Louis. Mr. Beck is a member of the American Legion Post and Mrs. Beck is a member of the Auxiliary. Jesse's grandparents are Henry Prevou Past Commander of Post 139 and Margaret Prevou Past President of Unit 139. They are long time members of the American Legion family. Jesse plans to attend either Pearl River Community College or USM. Jesse plans to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering, with the dream of designing electrical systems for ships and large buildings. Jesse holds

a part time job, has bowled with the YABA for four years and he attends youth functions at his church where they perform community services. In his application he stated that he felt that Patriotic Organizations such as the American Legion and Auxiliary are important because they are a great reminder and supporter of the rights and privileges of all Americans.

Tara is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Wade Ladner of Bay St. Louis. Tara is a long time member of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary having joined under her grandfather Marvin Ladner who is a long time member of the American Legion. Her grandmother Jeanette is a Past President of Auxiliary Unit 139. Tara hopes to attend USM where she plans to take some courses before she chooses a definite major, however, she is leaning toward a degree in Fashion Design. Tara is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd youth group and has attended several "Acquire the Fire" Conventions. She has had several pieces of art work in the Bay High Art Shows and she is a member of SADD. In her application she said that Patriotic Organizations like the American Legion and Auxiliary are important

because they help keep the peace in the United States during war time, they help us honor our Armed Forces, and they help us to remember what true American Heroes really are.

The officers and members of the American Legion Auxiliary are very proud of Jesse and Tara. We want to congratulate both of these young people on their many achievements and we know that they will do great things in the future. Congratulations also to the parents and grandparents for instilling in these young people pride and patriotism.

WRANPS programs

Spring is here and that means baby animals! At this time every year WRANPS is flooded with injured or orphaned baby animals. WRANPS director, Katy Pope, will be offering orientation classes for new members who are at least 18 years old on April 27, at 2:30 p.m. New memberships are always available. Train to be a transporter or clinic volunteer. Help strengthen the network by learning the proper response to injured or orphaned wildlife. Call 452-WILD(9453). Please reserve your space at orientation now.

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THE SEA COAST ECHO

St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church Peace and Justice Committee is spearheading a gathering of people on Saturday, April 26, at noon before the St. Augustine Seminary Shrine on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis.

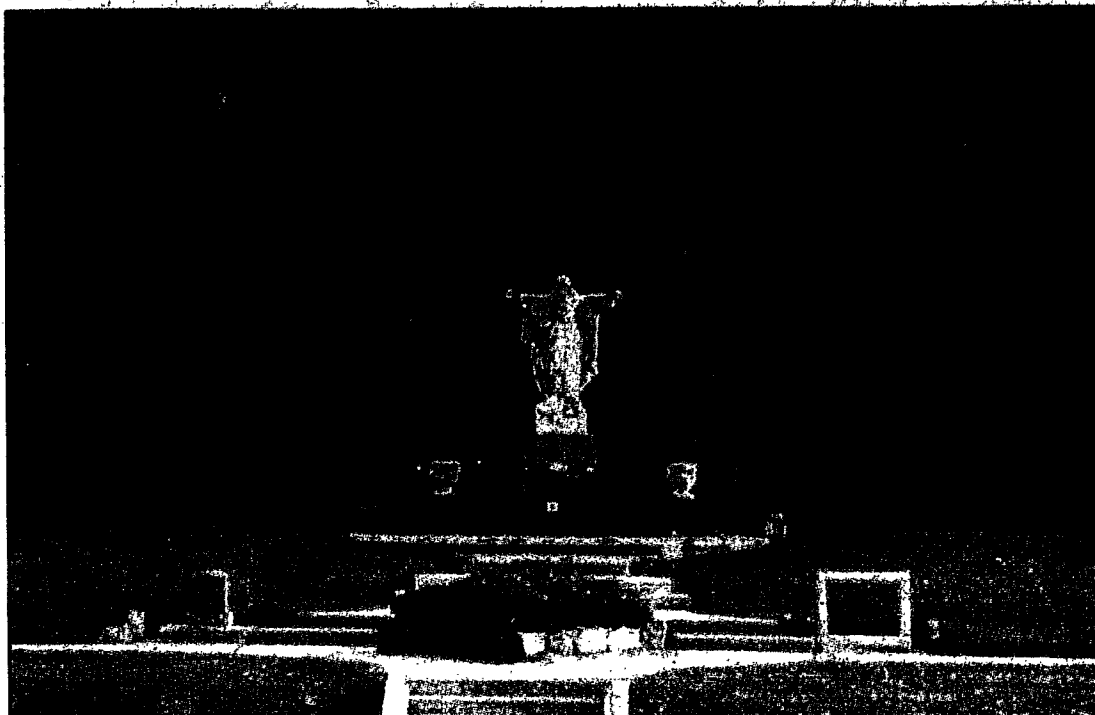
All concerned citizens on the Coast and beyond are invited to attend this gathering to pray for peace and support our troops.

Limited seating will be available and flags will be provided for the children.

Event organizers say "This is neither an anti-war nor a pro-war rally. Whether one agrees about the validity of war or not, realistically we are at war, and we have a responsibility to support our men and women who are making tremendous sacrifice on our behalf. One might ask 'how can we support our troops without supporting the war?'"

"We gather together in order to pray for their safety and safe return. The men and women out there on harms way have their families and loved ones here. This rally gives their families here an opportunity to get into a support group in this time of trouble."

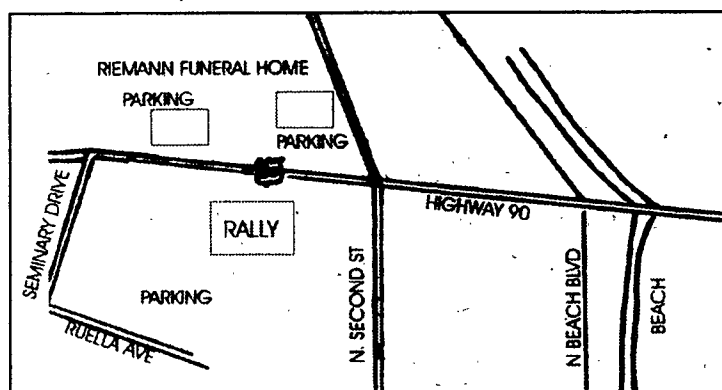
The names of loved ones sent overseas will be collected in a basket and prayed for. After the rally, the names will be kept in the church and prayed for daily at the Liturgies.



The shrine at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis.

"We gather together also to pray for peace," according to a press release issued by the committee, "for we know weapons will not bring in true peace. We pray for peace in the region of Middle East and we pray for the people of Iraq and innocent victims."

For more information,



call St. Rose Church at 467-7347; Bruce Northridge at 467-0908; or Ames Kergosien at 467-5402

Cooks who 'can really cook red beans' sought

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS Publisher Emeritus

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre reports he is still seeking a few cooks who 'can really cook red beans' to participate in the American Cancer Society's Beans & Rice Cook-Off benefit to be held next Monday, April 28.

The event will take place in Casino Magic's Entertainment Complex, Favre reported Tuesday.

Favre, who is chairman of the Cook-Off, reported yesterday, "Already we have some 44 cooks committed for the Cook-Off, but I know there must be others out there who can cook beans. This is a very important fund raiser for the American Cancer Society and it will be held at Casino Magic this year."

"Our goal is for 50 cooks, and arrangements have been made for 50, anyone interested in further information can contact Barbara Redding at 467-9092, Sandra Hoda, 467-4425, or Judge Ricky, or Tanna Adam at 255-3550," Favre added.

This year in addition to government, organizations, businesses and restaurants, a new category has been added and that is family.

There will also be a Silent Auction with Marilyn Finch, Whitney's Waveland Branch Bank manager chairing. Anyone interested in donating an item, or items for the silent auction can contact her at 467-6578.

Margaret Hadden, who selects the judges, reports that Rear Admiral Thomas Donaldson, Cono Corona, Mrs. Leo Seal, Jr., Prima

Plauche' and Linda Cook have been selected as bean judges.

Judges for the cornbread category are, Darlene Underwood, Lynn Bell and Ellis C. Cuevas.

Favre also reported there will be additional trophies this year. The top prize is the Grand Bean award.

Camellia red beans will be supplied by their distributor for participants. A Camellia Bean award will go to the most creative beans.

"We have out grown the

Civic Center and have made arrangements with Casino Magic, so we need previous competitors, as well as new ones," Favre added.

The general public can also help by attending the Cook-Off which is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, April 28.

Tickets at the door will be \$6 per person for all the beans and rice one can eat.

Waveland Market Center and Diamondhead Supermarket will once again supply bread pudding and slaw for the event.

Bay man nabbed in court on second charge

ECHO STAFF REPORT

A Bay St. Louis man was charged with selling crack last week when he showed up for court on another charge.

Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said yesterday that Germaine "Sneaky Fox" Lymuel was being arraigned last week on charges stemming from a prior drug arrest when NTF agents nabbed him for the alleged sale of crack

cocaine.

Lymuel had already been arrested by task force officers before during November's "Operation: Afternoon Delight," a drug roundup that targeted suspected dealers in both Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Lymuel is now "facing enhanced, habitual charges, and is being held without bond," at the Hancock County Justice Facility, McNeil said.

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'For love of the game'

Bay native exports his passion for football

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis native Shannon Garrett will soon leave the warm, sunny days of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the cooler lands of the north in Canada.

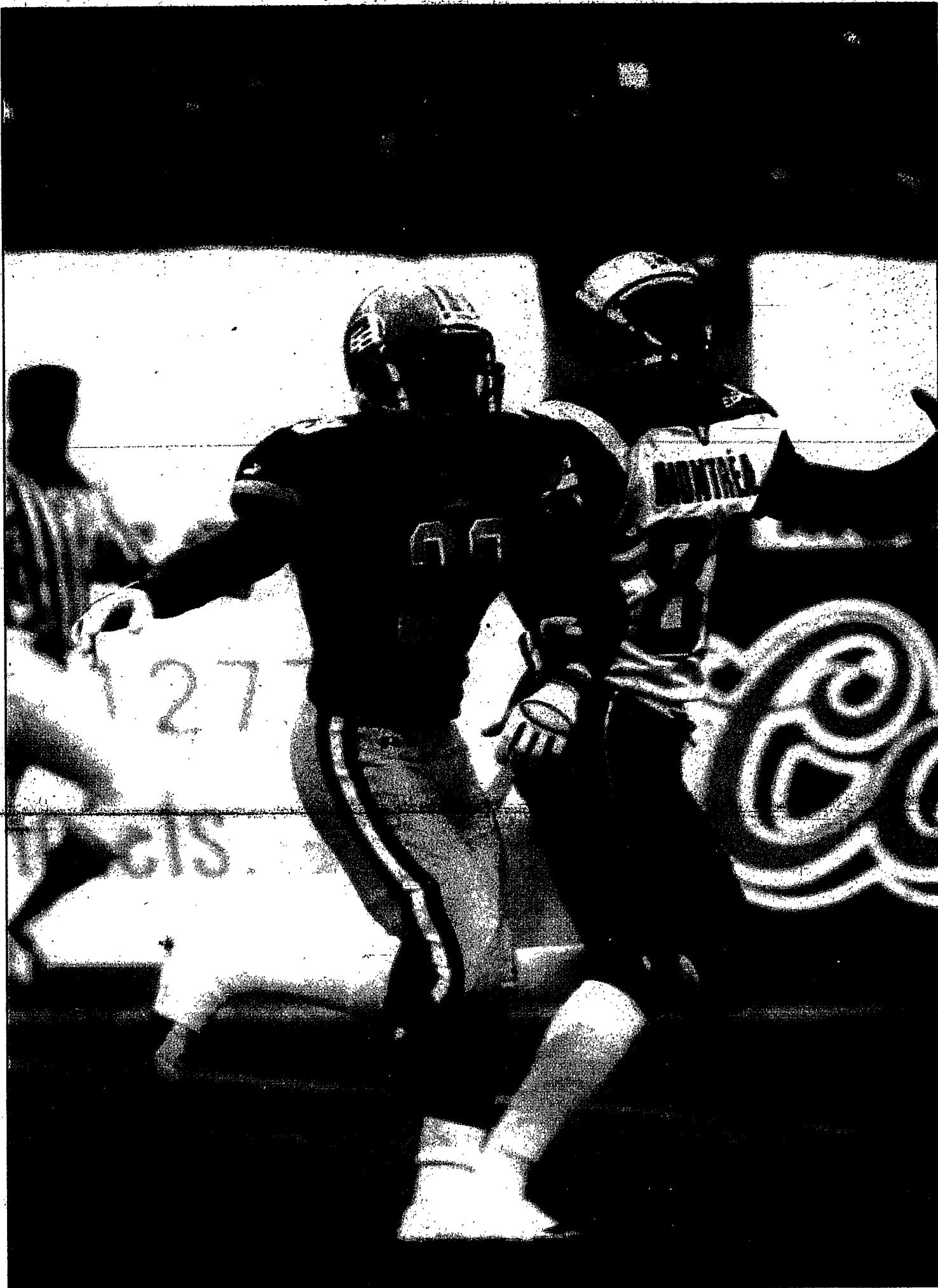
For the past eight years, Garrett has been making this annual trek to Canada to play football in the Canadian Football League simply because he loves the game. He will suit up for the Edmonton Eskimos at defensive back in 2003. This will be his third season in Edmonton after stops with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Saskatchewan Rough Riders.

Garrett was born and raised in Bay St. Louis and graduated from St. Stanislaus College in 1990 after a stellar athletic career that virtually went unnoticed.

He was a four-year letter winner in football, basketball and track for the Rock-a-chaws. While competing on the gridiron for SSC, Garrett played a variety of positions including quarterback, wide receiver, running back, and defensive back. Although, Garrett will admit that defensive back was not a regular position for him until college. In fact, one of his first true experiences at defensive back came when there were scouts from Mississippi State and USM in the stands.

Garrett recalls, "They wanted to see myself and another recruit, Mark Montgomery from Pearl River, go head-to-head in the game. So, I suited up at defensive back which was a relatively new position for me. Well, Montgomery had the game of his career against me. He went on and played at USM and that ended my recruiting from USM and Mississippi State."

However, that didn't stop Garrett from continuing to compete in the game that he



Bay St. Louis native and St. Stanislaus grad Shannon Garrett, left, in action during a Canadian Football League game.

loved. The 5-10, 205-pound defensive back always kept working. He made sure that he outpracticed, outperformed, and outplayed all his competitors. His quickness and footwork have kept him in the game this long. Garrett said that he runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash.

He was also a star on the

basketball court for Coach Chuck Genin's Rock-a-chaws. Garrett earned All-Division as a small forward on the hardwood and had a scholarship offer to play at Pearl River. Later on, Springhill College of Mobile showed some interest in the hard-nosed player from Bay St. Louis. Garrett was also a state finalist in track com-

peting in the 200m dash and with the record-setting 400m relay team. Other events in track that Garrett competed in was the 100m dash and the 800m relay.

Garrett's recognition was somewhat clouded by playing at a small school in St. Stanislaus. But, that didn't stop him from promoting himself by making his own

highlight films and sending them out. Garrett had not received much interest from schools for his football talent so he started to concentrate on the hardwood. However, about a week before signing day Mississippi College asked him to come to a tryout. Garrett and Coach Ken Lyons made the trek to

Clinton for the tryout and the Choctaws became very interested in Garrett.

The Choctaws signed Garrett to a partial scholarship on signing day. His work on the field and off the field had finally paid off. Garrett stated, "I had always been competitive - on the field and off. We had a highly competitive class at SSC. We would push each other on the field and in the classroom. I saw everyone competing and talking about which school they were going to, so I joined in."

Once at Mississippi College, things moved pretty fast for Garrett. He had to adjust to college life, college classes, going to school with girls, and adjust to quicker game of football at the collegiate level. Mississippi College had just won the Division II national championship and that brought pressure to perform. College classes and making the grades were tougher. Garrett admits that having classes with girls after going through the all-boys regimen at St. Stanislaus was difficult. Garrett recalled, "Coming from SSC, we were taught how to study. I wasn't worried about that aspect. However, I did have to adjust to the pace that we covered the material. Mississippi College was a good fit for me both academically and athletically. I was able to parlay my success on the field into a free education in the classroom. That is what people need to understand - get the education. It means so much more to you in the long run than your time as an athlete. In the whole scope of life, a career in sports is short-term. Your education carries you much further."

His first year at MC was a redshirt year. His second year as a redshirt freshman, Garrett didn't touch the field. As a sophomore, he got limited action on defense. By his junior season, Garrett had won a starting job in the defensive backfield and earned All-Conference honors following the season. With that, the NFL scouts came looking and he made the NFL's list of potential players as a senior. By making that list Garrett stated that scouts were at every practice. He stated, "I never really thought about a professional career in football. I was always trying to decide

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OLA advances with 3-2 win over Mize

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The OLA Crescents won their first round best-of-three series with the Mize Lady Bulldogs with a 3-2 decision on the road Tuesday, April 15.

The Crescents split a double-header with Mize on Saturday, April 12th to force the rubber game on Tuesday.

Down 2-0 in the top of the 7th inning, the Crescents rallied for the win.

Rachel Wright was the winning

pitcher and was 2-for-3 at the plate. Katherine Milner and Lakasia Duckworth were 1-for-3 in the game. Duckworth scored the winning run.

The Crescents will play a best-of-three series in the second round against Clarkdale. The first game was Thursday, April 17, and scoring details were not available.

The Crescents are now 15-4 on the season and have advanced further than any other fast-pitch softball team in school history.

Hawks take fourth in division meet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock High School track team took fourth place with 61 points at their recent division meet in Hattiesburg. The top four finishers in each event qualified to move on to regional competition on April 26.

On the boys side, Ervin Jackson and Myron Fairley each qualified in two individual events. Jackson moved on in the 110m high hurdles with a third place finish in 27.54 and won the 200m dash in 23.80. Fairley qualified with a second place in the 110m high hurdles and a third in the 100m dash. His times were 19.6

and 11.8, respectively.

Michael Payton won the 300m intermediate hurdles in 44.27 to advance to regional competition. Paul Verdin crossed the line in fourth place in the 400m dash with a time of 54.11. Donald Hains will continue competition in the discus after finishing fourth overall with a throw of 104'5". Adrian Boone took the bronze in the triple jump with a leap of 38' 6 1/2" while Daron Boone placed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 19' 1 1/2". Nick Narváez placed third in the high jump going over the bar at 5'10".

The 800m relay team placed

second in 1:33.97 and the 400m relay team took third in 48.57.

On the girls side, Erica Moran placed third in the discus with a throw of 92'4". Ashley Boehnel jumped 4'2" in the high jump to finish fourth. Petra Vackova completed the 3200m run in 16:36.77 to finish third while Theresa Warhax took fourth in the 100m low hurdles.

The 800m relay, 400m relay and 1600m relay teams all qualified for the regional meet. The 800m relay team placed third in 2:13.79 and the 400m relay team was fourth in 1:01.00. The 1600m relay broke the tape in third place with a time of 5:09.

Garrett -- love of the game

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what I was going to do with my life after college football was over."

During his senior season, Garrett broke his hand and he didn't perform well at the NFL Combine. In the end, Garrett was not drafted but the Canadian Football League came calling. He signed with Winnipeg following his senior season and graduated from Mississippi College with a degree in Business Administration.

The game in Canada is a bit different than the American game. The field is bigger measuring 65 yards wide and 120 yards long. There are only three downs instead of four. There are only 40 roster players and no practice squad as opposed to the NFL roster limit of 53 plus a practice squad. There must be 19 Canadians on each team and 11 have to start. That is called the American-Canadian ratio. Anyone lined up behind the quarterback has the opportunity to hit the line of scrimmage at full speed. That makes a big difference for a defensive back covering the receivers, especially when the Canadian game is dominated by the passing game. Garrett stated, "The Canadian game is a much

faster game. The players may not be as physical as they are in the NFL but they are definitely as quick, or even quicker. I like to refer to it as a track meet on a football field. There has to be knowledge of the game, quickness, and great footwork to be successful in this league. Just because someone has played in the NFL does not mean that they can come in and play in the CFL. I have seen numerous players that played in the NFL fail in the CFL."

Garrett ended up making the roster his rookie year and played another two seasons in Winnipeg. However, when he wasn't playing in Canada, Garrett was at home in Bay St. Louis.

He wanted to use his degree and began searching out employment opportunities on the Coast while he was home. Garrett visited Peoples Bank and dropped off a resume. He was invited to interview but was turned down in the interview because he was only home for six months. Then, a strange thing happened. According to Garrett, Chevis Swetman, president of Peoples Bank, was having a conversation with employees and the topic turned to sports, and having

a local sports personality on staff. One of the employees handed Swetman a Garrett football card. Garrett was called in for a second interview and the rest is history. Garrett remembered, "I was kind of down about the first interview. But, I had some of my football cards and I wanted to bring them by to some of the people at the bank that I had known for some time. It turns out that they were having their annual Christmas party soon and that is when my name and card made its way to Mr. Swetman. I am very appreciative of Peoples Bank and Chevis Swetman for understanding and allowing me to play the game I love for six months out of the year and holding my job for me. I have the best of both worlds. I am able to compete in the game that I love and continue my work at the bank when I am not playing."

Garrett signed with Saskatchewan after he was released by Winnipeg. He played there for two seasons before signing with the New Orleans Saints. While in New Orleans, Garrett made it all the way to final cut. He happened to be playing at a position where one of their high draft choices

played. In the final exhibition game, he missed two checks that resulted in first downs. Those two missed checks, coupled with the Saints' high draft choice, ended up costing Garrett a shot at the roster. However, he made his way back to Canada and signed with the Eskimos. Last season, Garrett and his teammates played in Canada's version of the super bowl - the Grey Cup. The Eskimos lost to the Montreal Alouettes but it was a feeling he will never forget.

Garrett said, "It is definitely the highlight of my career. The game was great. But, there are distractions surrounding the game. It seemed like we were always doing interviews and going here and there. That was the only drawback. But, just being in the game was awesome."

In about three weeks, Garrett will make his annual trek to the north. He has come to grips that he is in the twilight of his sensational career. It was a career that has taken him from the city streets of small-town Bay St. Louis to the professional ranks of football. Garrett commented, "One of my most vivid memories of football was in

1987, when we beat Bay High at their place. I was a sophomore. We had not beaten them in about six years."

"It was a great feeling. There are so many fond memories between that time and the Grey Cup last year. When I leave the game, memories of it will be all I have. I am not Michael Jordan, so there will not be any comebacks. I try to make the most of my time when I am up there. I see all that I can see because I am not sure if I will ever get back there again. On our days off, I drive out to the mountains and take in those sights. We don't have mountains in Mississippi. I am trying to make the most of my experience."

Despite his busy schedule, Garrett always finds time to speak with young people about what has made him a success. He replied, "I always ask the young people, 'What do you want to do with your life?' Their answer is always to be a professional athlete when they find out that I am one. I try to impress upon them to keep reaching for that dream but not to neglect other things such as their education. There is no such thing as a dumb joke."

Athletes have to study as hard as anyone at their job. That is what professional athletics is - a job. It is simple. If you don't perform, then you are let go and replaced. That is the same in everyday life. I tell them to get the education first and not worry about what other people say. Making it to the professional level of athletics is like hitting the lottery because only a small percentage of athletes make it that far. I have been fortunate. Maybe it is fate or luck, I don't know. I am always working to outperform someone else because I can get cut at any time."

While football has taken him from small-town Bay St. Louis to Clinton to Canada, Garrett has remained grounded to his roots in Mississippi. He makes his home here on the Gulf Coast where he grew up. He works with a native Coast business. He continues to work hard in everything that he does. When Shannon looks back over his life in football, he sees a game that he loved in high school. That game he loved became somewhat of a job to continue playing in college. Now, it has evolved into strictly a job. But, he still loves the game.

Spotlight On Dining 2003

Southern Delights

Southern Delights, owned and operated by Neil Favre, is truly a treat for your taste buds. Favre opened the restaurant only 2 years ago and already has a loyal following and an excellent reputation for providing really delicious food at reasonable prices.

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Southern Delights has some of the most delicious specialty dishes such as the snapper, the grilled tuna or the stuffed crab platter. A very popular dish is Favre's own seafood medley: perfectly prepared marinated laced with shrimp, crawfish and crab served over pasta. The fried seafood plates are generous, especially the Seafood Platter. It consists of catfish, shrimp, oysters and frog legs, delicately fried to a golden brown, delicious! Of course Southern Delights serves all of your favorite traditional po-boys and sandwiches, and some not so traditional like the portabella mushroom sandwich. (You just have to try it, it's really good!) Try the grilled chicken sandwich with onions, mushrooms and swiss served on a Kaiser roll with french fries. Favre

selects a lunch and a dinner special which changes daily except on Mondays, that's red beans and rice day, of course. And what better to top off a great meal than a delicious homemade dessert! The bread pudding with rum walnut sauce is fantastic as is the strawberry pecan cake, hummingbird cake or the banana pudding.

Lunch is served Monday through Saturday and dinner is served Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

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2003 King of the Park



(Top) Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, left, congratulates Pat Steiner, center, who won the title of King of the Park at South Coast Skate Park's second annual skate boarding competition held April 5-6. Kelly Welsh, far right, owner of the skate park, announces Steiner as the winner to the crowd.

Steiner, who represented Skate Park of Tampa, won \$500 in cash plus prizes. Second place went to Rob Aaron, who skated for Oshis Shoes and War Effort skate boards. He won \$250 plus prizes. The Best Trick prize of \$150 went to Kyle Cox from Baton Rouge. He skated for Rukus Board Sports and Globe shoes.



(Bottom) Participants and spectators gathered after the competition to grab for free prizes donated by competition sponsors.

Echo staff photos by Shannon Jenkins

HMS Honor Roll 3rd Nine Weeks announced

Superintendent's List

All A's

6th Grade

Donaldson, Alexander
Gagnon, Lee
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Le, Kenny
Mehaffey, Eamonn
Parsons, Louis
Relan, Nicki
Sawyer, Kimberly
Wilson, Katherine
Wilson, Melissa

8th Grade

Cooper, Monique
Debenport, Lorrin
Delgado, Nimai
Garriga, Chelsea
Gaude, Leslie
Haas, Dana
McManus, Cecilia
Scarborough, Ashley
Strief, Justin

Principal's List

A's and B's

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Bongalbal, Dan
Bryan, Ashley
Carver, Tyler
Clark, Phillip
Clement, Chelsea
Compton, Jeffery

Cox, Elizabeth
Cuevas, Jantzen
Curet, Kelsie
Dossett, Carley
Eschete, Jake
Farve, Bridget
Faye, Andrea
Fournet, Rachel
Fricke, Joli
Gaines, Jennifer
Garceau, Christina
Gibson, Guillermo
Glover, Stephen
Gue, Danielle
Hass, Stephan
Hall, Nicholas
Harris, Jillian
Jordan, Destin
Kellar, Robert
Kennedy, Kristen
Killinger, Elizabeth
Knoblock, Amanda
Ladner, Alexis
Ladner, Brooke
Ladner, Devin
Ladner, Myles
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Barksdale, Rikki
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Cospelich, Quinn
Cuevas, Courtney
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Graham, Desrae
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Murray, Rebecca
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Necaise, Kayla
Nelson, Kristen

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Newell, Michelle
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Patmon, Tashauna
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Smith, Samantha
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Tisdale, Maryanna
Uddin, Waseem
Winston, Keeli
Young, Charles

8th Grade

Besson, Kayla
Bounds, Jerica
Brumfield, Emma
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14TH ANNUAL RIVER REEF'S Crawfish cook-off. April 26. Hwy 603 and Jordan River.

46 Home Improvement
ADDITIONS, REMODELING Nichols Construction! All Home Repairs. Interior/Exterior Painting. Concrete/work/driveways. ETC. Sheet Rock. Finishing blown ceilings. 30/yr's/Experience. Licensed-Bonded. Free-Estimates. 467-3130.

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YARD SALE: 205 CHARTRES ST., B.S.L. April 26, 9:00-3:00.

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138 Trucks, Vans

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150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

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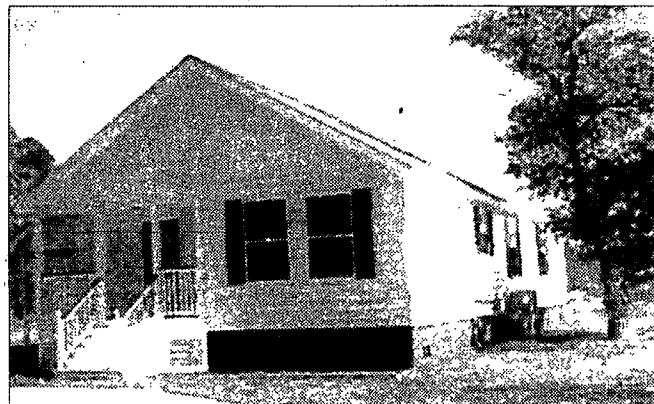
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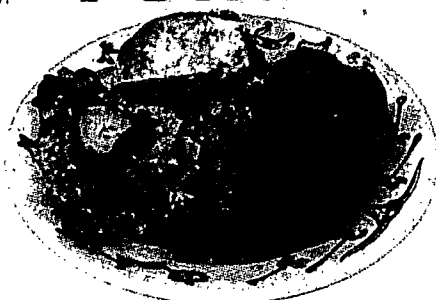
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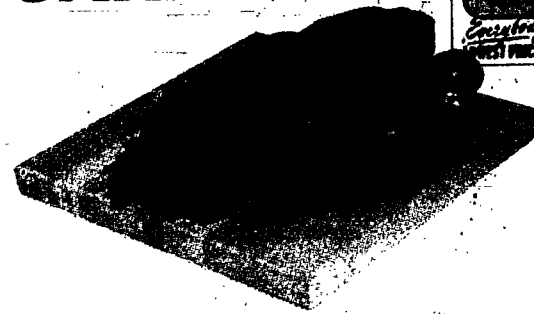


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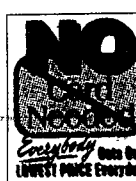
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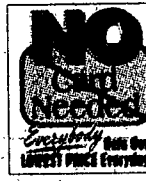
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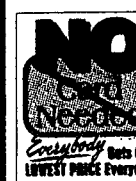
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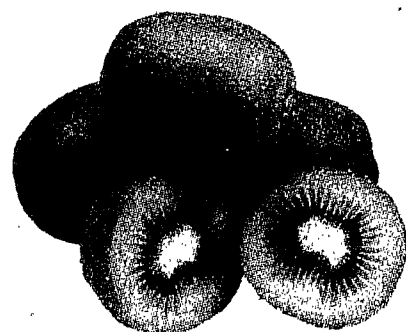
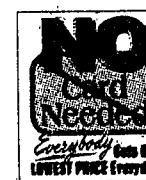
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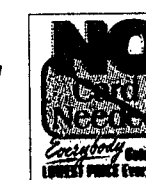
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Chamber, P&H awards gala to honor Hancock business, citizen of the year

ECHO STAFF REPORT

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau are joining together to pay tribute to the men and women of Hancock County who are making a difference during the Annual Awards Gala 2003 Salute to Business & Industry this Friday, April 25.

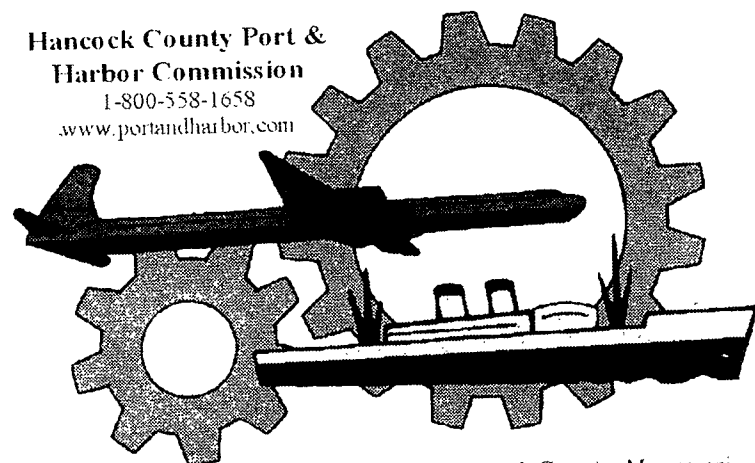
The event will be held at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, begins at 6 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner at 7 p.m., the awards presentation at 8 p.m. and entertainment at 9 p.m. This event is the reinvention of the Chamber's Annual Banquet and the Port & Harbor's Annual Awards Luncheon.

It is significant because for the first time, three agencies concerned with economic and community development are joining together to create relationship building opportunities for the community bringing federal government together with local government, small businesses together with big businesses, and the industrial sector together with the tourism sector.

This event is sponsored by: Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, and the Sea Coast Echo.

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are as follows:

Businesses of the Year:
Bay St. Louis - Coast Electric Power Association;
Diamondhead - Jackie O's Café;
Kiln - Hancock Plaza;
Waveland - Charlie Henderson Ford.

Tourism Person of the Year:

Williams R. "Bill" Lady, Holiday Inn Waveland;

Industry of the Year:
Mississippi Polymer Technologies, Inc.;

Award of Excellence:

Captain David Humphreys - Linea Peninsular, Inc.;

Outstanding Citizens & the Citizen of the Year:
Joseph P. "Jody" Compretta, Jr. -

Patients Choice, Inc.; Valerie Edenfield -

Hope Haven Children's Shelter;

Ethel Favre - Community Volunteer;

Hancock County Volunteer Fire Fighters;

John "JJ" Jagunich, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis;

Ronald G. Magee - National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

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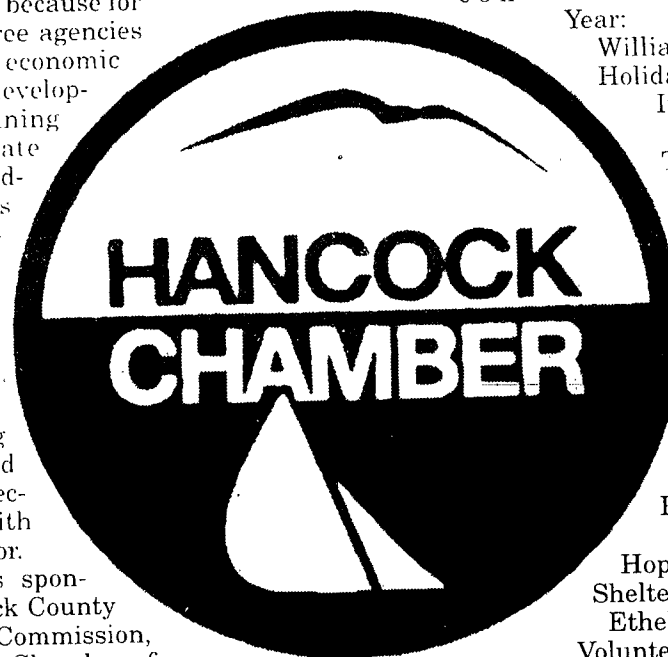
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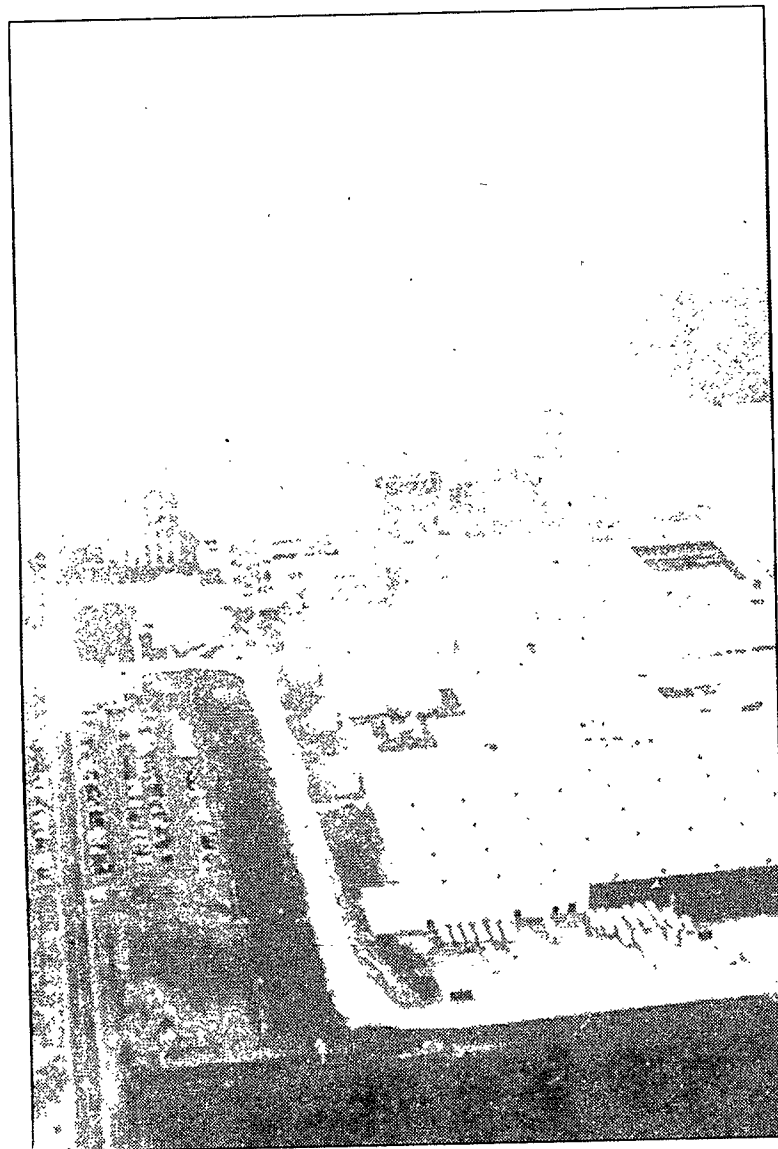
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During the event, Hancock County will pay tribute to Businesses of the Year, Tourism Person of the Year, Industry of the Year and present awards to the industry that has shown true excellence and to our outstanding citizens. During the evening one of Hancock County's outstanding citizens will also be recognized as Citizen of the Year. Honorees for the 2003 Gala



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Businesses of the Year

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This year, the City of Bay St. Louis recognizes Coast Electric Power Association as Business of the Year. Coast Electric Power Association is one of the fastest growing electric cooperatives in the state and nation.

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Bob Occhi

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Association is an electric cooperative.

And in 2003, Coast Electric joined the ranks of consumer-owned utilities across the country as a Touchstone Energy Cooperative uniting with a vast, integrated network of more than 600 cooperatives in 44 states, serving over 16.5 million consumers. Coast Electric is well recognized for its community connections. Employees actively participate in community clubs and civic groups and lend their expertise whenever needed. Coast Electric takes pride in working for its communities through economic development and business expansion incentives.



Joe and Charlie Henderson

Henderson Ford

The first large, independent business to locate in Waveland brought new jobs, new business income and new sales taxes. This investment helped the city address growing needs of the community. The City of Waveland proudly names Charlie

Henderson Ford as Business of the Year.

Charlie Henderson knew what he wanted to do when he was only 15 years old.

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Businesses of the Year

Bill Lawler and Jackie O's Café

The Diamondhead Business & Professional Association plays a vital role for businesses to network and market their services for continued growth in the community. The association proudly names Jackie O's Café as Business of the Year.

Bill Lawler lived in Houston, Texas all his life. In 1994, a bachelor, he visited the Mississippi Gulf Coast. That weekend he hit it lucky at the casino and never looked back. He decided to make an investment in the area and started a beach business. This business gave him time to think about his next investment – the restaurant business. Bill began cooking at the age of 12. Throughout his life, friends and family encouraged him to open his own restaurant. His love for entertaining made him a natural in the business.

In 1996, he opened Jackie O's Café in Diamondhead. The restaurant is named after his aunt he calls Jackie O.

He started with a crockpot



Bill Lawler

and a microwave oven, and opened the café as a sandwich shop. With no automatic washer, he was the chief cook and bottle washer, literally. During the first two years of operation, Bill said he kept reinvesting into the business.

Bill admits he had no clue what he was getting himself into. What he did know was what people like -- good service, consistent food and friendly faces.

This philosophy is what

has built his business into Diamondhead's most awarded restaurant – for best hamburgers, po-boys, gumbo, red beans and rice and chili.

Bill says if you want to be successful in business you need to get involved in the community, and he does just that as a member of the Hancock Chamber, Lions Club and 2002 President of the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association.

Through hard work and determination, Bill Lawler has built a sandwich shop with a crew of four to a full-service restaurant and catering business with 14 employees.

And his personal life has changed dramatically too. This year, he and Kellie Koenig tied the knot on Valentine's Day and overnight he became a husband, father of five, and a grandfather. Bill says he's found the recipe for life in Hancock County.



Jerry and Lauly Peterson

Hancock Plaza

A few years ago, the only businesses in the Kiln were a couple of convenience stores. Today, this stretch along Highway 603, is home to many small businesses and these numbers are growing. Football great Brett Favre literally put the Kiln on the map. The population in this area has exploded with a 60 percent growth rate in the past decade. And, it has long been home to Stennis International Airport and the Hancock County School District. A good part of this growth is due to leadership.

Leadership provided by people like Lauly and Jerry Peterson. The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce proudly recognizes Hancock Plaza as Kiln Area Business of the Year.

Lauly and Jerry Peterson moved here in the 1960s. She was from California and he was from Mobile. And, while Jerry's duty in the service took them to other places, they kept finding themselves and their four children drawn back to Hancock County.

She has worked at Alcan Cable for 23 years and Gerry worked for Martin Marietta for 12 years.

In 1993, they purchased property in the Kiln and

wanted to develop it commercially. They wanted to build something the Kiln would be proud of. To begin the process, they donated a piece of property to the U.S. Postal Service. Later, a piece of property was sold to Dollar General Store. In 1999, they purchased a Kiln business, Statewide Insurance. Each year, sales have doubled and continued growth is expected.

In 2000, their dream of a first-class retail development became reality when Hancock Bank and Hancock Medical Center agreed to establish services at what is now known as Hancock Plaza.

Today, they are working on Phase II of the development. Lauly and Gerry believe that as citizens we have to do more than just love our children and want them to stay in Hancock County.

They believe it is important to become actively involved in building the local economy so that few will have to leave. And, they are doing just that, providing leadership through the Hancock Chamber to establish a forum for Kiln Area citizens to work together with public officials to promote positive development.

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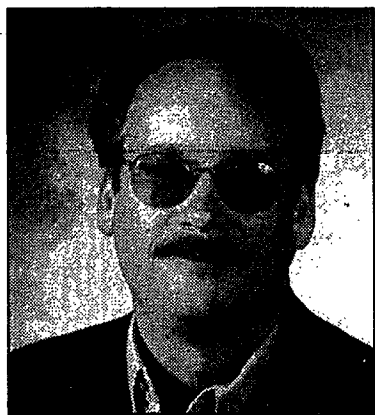
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Tourism Person of the Year

Waveland's Bill Lady is a true gentleman



Bill Lady

Tourism works for Hancock County generating new jobs, new business income and new tax revenues. Through the efforts of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and area industry leaders, tourism has become a major industry for the people of Hancock County. The industry is successful today because of the work of many but one stands out as Tourism Person of the Year, an inaugural award.

Bill Lady grew up in Chicago. He has fond memories, traveling with his parents to Florida for vacations. On the way, they always came through Waveland. They found the area so beautiful they invested in beach-front property. On a trip to list their property for sale, they learned that the Waveland Resort Inn would soon be for sale. His father, a hospital administrator, put in a bid on the property, and to his surprise, set the family on a path from tourist to tourism leaders. When Bill was 21 years old, he moved to Waveland. The youngest of three sons—all were involved in the hotel business. Today, Bill is the President of Holiday Inn Waveland. Over the past 27 years, Bill has made a significant impact on the tourism industry in Mississippi, serving in leadership positions at the state and local levels. Locally and statewide, he was a proponent of gaming when many

were divided on the issue. But, he stuck with it because he had a vision of the good things gaming could bring to the Hancock County like new jobs, new business income and new tax revenues. Under his leadership, a tourism and gaming association was created in Hancock

County to launch a campaign to support gaming in Mississippi. Hancock County led the way for gaming on the Coast, being the first to pass a local referendum. In 1996, he led an effort to establish a tourism development bureau supported by a local room tax. And, when he was

tapped to serve as the first President of the newly established bureau, it came as no surprise. He served in the role for five years, providing leadership and expertise to establish a professional tourism marketing program for Hancock County. The accomplishments he

achieved, working with other members of the community, took time. Through it all, he cites friendships as the biggest joy for him, his wife Patty and their two daughters. Bill says he can think of no greater life than to be a part of the hospitality industry.



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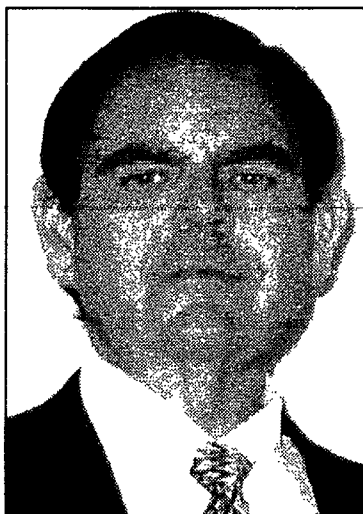
Industry of the Year -- Award of Excellence

Mississippi Polymer Technologies Inc.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is the economic development agency for the County. It operates Port Bienville Industrial Park and the Stennis International Airport. On Friday, commissioners proudly present the Industry of the Year Award to Mississippi Polymer Technologies, Inc.

Eight years ago, one man had a vision and made a commitment to invest in the people of Hancock County. His vision was to start a new high tech company.

Holding over 50 patents, this Woodrow Wilson Fellow, National Science Foundation Fellow, Sloan Fellow and Chemistry Ph.D. had already started two other successful companies in California. This new company would be devoted to perfecting and producing one of the strongest and hardest advanced polymers in the world known as Parmax®.



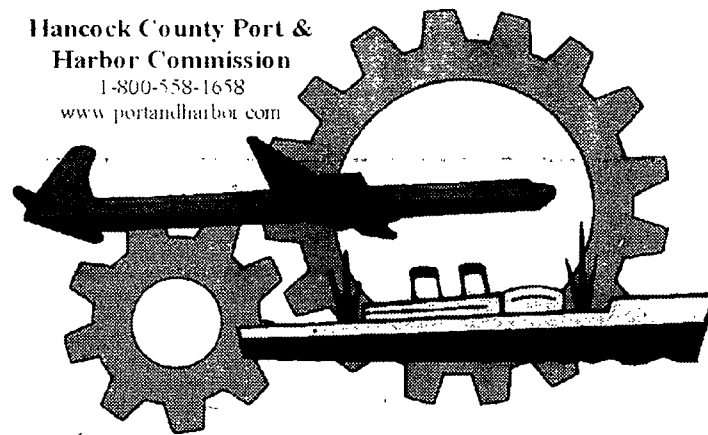
Dr. Robert Gagne

SRPs. In 2000, Dr. Robert Gagne made Hancock County home to the world's strongest and hardest polymers through Mississippi Polymer Technologies. If you ask him, he will tell you there are any number of reasons why Hancock County was the right choice for this new enterprise: Strong Congressional support; active involvement of local leaders; and, close proximity to the Department of Polymer Science at the University of Southern Mississippi. MPT is a company that provides high-tech, high-paying jobs for polymer scientists, materials scientists, chemists, chemical engineers, techni-

cians and support staff. Already, the company employs 27 young scientists and technicians who are primarily from Mississippi or educated here. In less than three years, Mississippi Polymer Technologies has become the fastest growing company in the county.

He attributes the company's growing success to his bright, young Mississippi workforce. MPT champions the entrepreneurial spirit vital to economic growth and because of this, the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is proud to name MPT Industry of the Year.

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Linea Peninsular shipping

The Award of Excellence gives the Port & Harbor Commission the opportunity to recognize a Hancock County industry for steady, strong growth. Linea Peninsular typifies this criteria. Captain David Humphreys knows the shipping business inside and out. A native Australian, he went to sea at the age of sixteen. Today, he operates one of the top ranking shipping container companies in the world, right here in Hancock County at Port Bienville.

Captain Humphreys started out as a midshipman in the British India Company. He later served as a navigating officer on Canadian Pacific, Trans-Atlantic passenger ships. In 1972, he bought his first ship, made himself the captain, and started a 28 year journey carrying



Capt. David Humphreys

ing explosives to Central and South America for Atlas Power Company out of Kings Bay, Georgia.

In 1976, he moved his operation to Port Bienville. In 1984, Captain Humphreys, using one of the older Atlas ships, started a

weekly service out of Port Bienville to Progreso, Mexico. Initially, the freight between the two ports consisted of sisal twine, then in 1986, Maidenform opened the first maquiladora factory in the Yucatan. Cut fabric was being sent to Yucatan to be sewn, and finished garments were returned to the U.S. This business became a boom, not only to Yucatan, but also to Captain Humphrey's shipping company, Port Bienville, the local truck companies and businesses. In 2000, he terminated the explosive service shipping to focus on the growth of this new segment of the company. Over the years, ships have been bought and sold as the business climate changed. Today, Linea Peninsular operates five vessels, four times a week between Port Bienville and Progreso. In 2002 alone, Linea Peninsular moved more than 41,000 containers between the two ports and ranked forty six among the top one hundred shipping container companies in the world.

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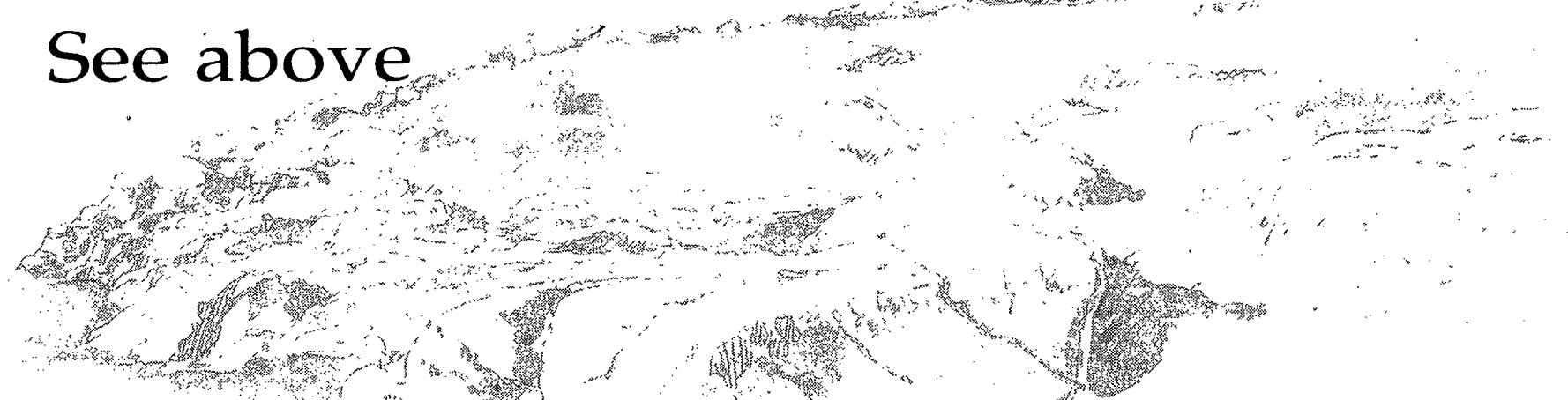
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Outstanding Citizens and Citizen of the Year



Hancock County Chamber of Commerce

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of business, community and governmental leaders. The mission is to promote the social, civic and economic well being of the County. Today, it is 800 members strong, representing 5,000 employees. They are people who are making a difference for Hancock County. The Hancock Chamber recognizes individuals whose contributions to commerce and the community help make Hancock County prosperous and progressive.

Ethel L. Favre Community Volunteer

At the age of 17, she moved from Ansley to the "city" to take a three-month assignment with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service – an assignment that lasted 50 years. It was 1945, and jobs were few and far between in Bay St. Louis for a young girl with a high school diploma. Yet, Ethel Ladner Favre turned this three-month assignment into a lifetime of service to Hancock County.

In 1987, she was recognized for excellence in service from a field of 400 secretaries statewide, receiving the Outstanding Secretarial Award from the Mississippi Division of Agriculture. One



Ethel Ladner Favre

year later, she was recognized again when she received the Epsilon Sigma Phi Outstanding Secretary Award for the Year. Ethel Favre dedicated fifty two

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Jody Compretta Patient's Choice

At 34, he has done what many have not achieved in a lifetime. And, he has only just begun. Many would describe him as a risk taker – a passionate and driven leader – someone who literally lives on the edge. All the while, he is redefining where the edge is. In short, Jody Compretta practices what he preaches. If you don't put something in, he says, you are not going to get anything out of it.

He grew up in Bay St. Louis, the oldest son of Kay and long time State Representative J. P. Compretta. He attributes his work ethic to his parents. When he graduated from college in 1990, unemployment rates were high and jobs were non-existent in Hancock County for a college graduate with an arts degree. He ended up in Florida, and went to work for Doctor's Choice, a medical supplies and equipment company. Today, 12 years later, he now owns his own company, selling medical equipment and supplies from the patients perspective.



Jody Compretta

He believes he has a mission. To help patients understand they have choices for their medical equipment and supplies.

This philosophy has taken his company to explosive growth. In the second year of operation alone, Patients Choice realized a 540 percent growth. He is an active and staunch supporter of the Hancock Chamber. He believes the Chamber gave him the opportunity to demonstrate that he cares about the growth and success of his community. During

2002, he served as President of the Chamber during a year most would describe as challenging. In December 2001, the Chamber had a total staff turnover. Under Compretta's leadership, volunteers came forward to manage all aspects of Chamber operations. For five months, he served as acting director, while running and expanding his newly established business.

Under his leadership, much was accomplished: a new professional director was hired, a new website and software management system was put in place, a new sponsorship program was established, a new golf tournament, partnerships with the media and more. In short, Jody Compretta is a true leader. For Hancock County, he kept the Chamber unified, during a challenging time, to work for common goals.

He facilitated change. He made a difference. And, that's why we recognize Jody Compretta as one of Hancock County's outstanding citizens.

Hancock Volunteer Firefighters

Most volunteer firefighters say they volunteer because they want to help others – others might say it is the opportunity to serve their county and country.

But how many people know that volunteer firefighters are just that – volunteers.

And, they do what they do for no pay. In fact, it costs them money to volunteer – paying for their own red lights and sirens, training, you name it. And, they are on duty twenty-four seven. They are not just risking

their lives to save yours, they are helping the community, applying for grants to get better equipment, conducting fire safety in homes and in the schools.

And there's more: Oftentimes, these departments are a hub of activity for the community, serving as a meeting place for local groups and events.

And, they are not just responding to fires. They are called in for car wrecks, train wrecks, search and rescue, and severe weather calls. And, they do it in spite of the

fact that it takes them away from their families, friends and work place at all times of the day and night.

In Hancock County, there are eight volunteer fire districts – Clermont Harbor, East Hancock, Kiln, West Hancock, Lee Town, Post #58, Bayside Park, and Fenton. All volunteer – all working to provide safety and fire protection for the people of Hancock County. A few years ago, volunteer fire fighter, Carl Olsen lost his life in the

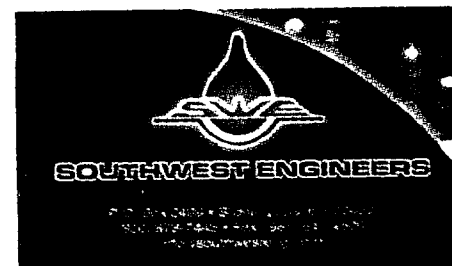
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Outstanding Citizens and Citizen of the Year

Valerie Edenfield, Hope Haven Children's Shelter



Valerie Edenfield

Valerie Edenfield has touched the lives of many in Hancock County. Yet, she remains largely unknown. She does not seek publicity and her employment position demands a high degree of privacy. Valerie has been the Assistant Shelter Manager at a local shelter for abused and neglected children since 1996, even before it opened the doors. She helped create this shelter for children that has been lauded as the state's best small non-profit. Valerie is a paid professional and her commitment to the

position is far beyond a matter of money. She is the heart and soul of what Hope Haven is and does.

She cares for children who have had terrible things happen to them. Things, that most of us do not want to think about, much less deal with on a daily basis. She runs the Hope Haven home with a staff of fourteen, twenty-four seven, and she does it while being a homemaker for her own family. Valerie has made a commitment to serve the neglected and abused children of Hancock County.

Children the general public know little about. Valerie has worked for and with over fifteen hundred local children whose physical, mental and spiritual lives hang in the balance due to their abuse and neglect. She ensures they have nourishing food, a warm, safe place to sleep, clean clothing, someone to help them with their homework and someone who will help them through the toughest time of their young lives. She is there when they are in need. If Valerie and Hope Haven were not there for

these children, to heal them now, what kind of people will these children become? Thanks to Valerie and the people of Hope Haven, these children can one day take their place back as productive citizens in our community. Valerie has done all of this and more with no fanfare, without recognition and without awareness of how special her contribution to the community truly is. And, that's why Valerie Edenfield truly is one of Hancock County's outstanding citizens.

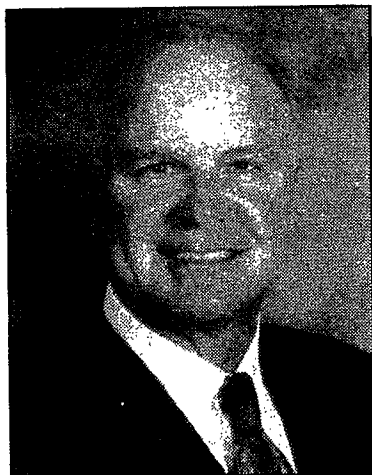
John 'JJ' Jagunich, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis -- one of the largest dockside casino developments in the world.

It is the Coast's only casino resort with a championship golf course next to the casino. And, the magazines laud it as Best Resort and Golf on the Mississippi Coast.

For over ten years, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has been a driving force for gaming and hospitality in Hancock County.

When purchased in August of 2000 by Penn National Gaming, a compre-



John "JJ" Jagunich

hensive plan for expansion

and an additional 37 million dollars were committed to the resort. This large purchase and expansion called for an experienced casino and hospitality executive to lead the casino resort through the construction and opening phases.

Along came John "JJ" Jagunich (jag-a-niche). Under his leadership, the casino resort improved customer satisfaction; increased the number of Magic Team members to over 1300; and provided the guidance to grow annual revenues by over 10 percent while con-

tributing in excess of 12 million dollars in local and state taxes.

All of this and more has been accomplished under his leadership in a regional market that has shown little or no growth.

Penn National Gaming's commitment to Hancock County is stronger than ever before.

It's not just about property investment, says JJ, but, rather commitment to community.

This philosophy has led the Casino to become a major sponsor of the Hancock

Chamber and the Tourism Bureau. And, it has been what has put Casino Magic Bay St. Louis at the top of philanthropy in Hancock County.

JJ says "everything communicates" and under his leadership, a new image has emerged for the resort. If you know JJ, you know his philosophy is simple: If you are going to do something, do it well -- and make it the best it can be for what it is! Because of these accomplishments, the people of Hancock County call John Jagunich an outstanding citizen.

Olive T. McKenna Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools

In the fall of 1952, Olive T. McKenna stepped into a room full of kindergartners to teach her first class. And, she has not left yet.

She started in the Parochial School System and currently teaches at Waveland Elementary. She

recalls that Our Lady of the Gulf needed an organist for the church and a kindergarten teacher at the elementary school. Her prayers had been answered.

At the age of 84, Mrs. McKenna will celebrate her 50th anniversary as a

kindergarten teacher this May.

It has been a mission for her to see that children receive the appropriate education they deserve.

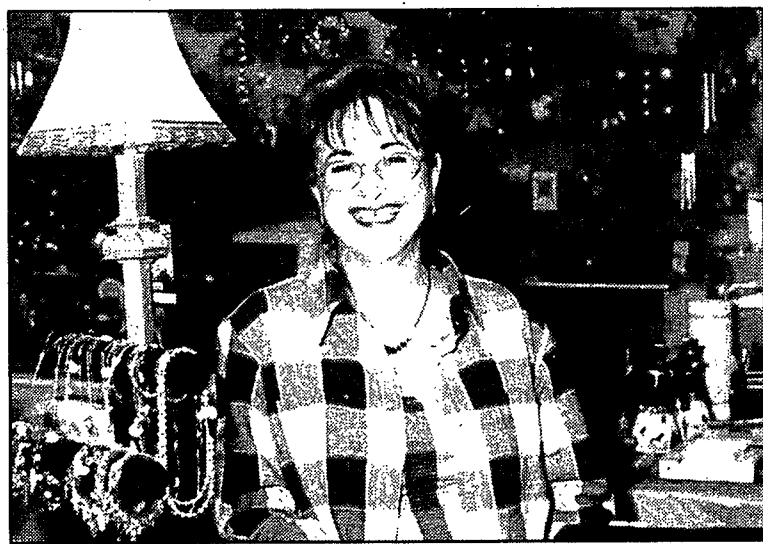
She has won numerous

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Olive T. McKenna

Outstanding Citizens and Citizen of the Year



Kathy Pinn

Kathy Pinn That Cute Little Shoppe

In 1996, when Kathy Pinn and her husband Ron packed up their belongings and moved to Waveland, she knew there was something unique about Waveland.

Originally from New Orleans, she and Ron had raised their five daughters in the country in Illinois. Ron wanted to move south. At first, they moved to Texas and vacationed in Waveland. Every time they came they did not want to leave. At first, she thought it was the physical things, the warm weather, sunshine, beaches. Later, she learned, it is something much more like a peaceful, quality life. Her passion for retail drove her to Coleman Avenue where she opened That Cute Little Shoppe.

When Kathy first opened the store, she noticed there were very few events and promotions for Coleman Avenue. She began meeting informally with some of the merchants to talk about join-

ing together to promote the area.

Through these meetings, the Coleman Coalition was revitalized to develop the Avenue as a place where people would want to come.

As president of the Coleman Coalition, much is being accomplished. The group is taking action to promote Coleman Avenue through beautification programs like Spruce up the Avenue, and promotional events like the Charming Cottages Tour and Wave Fest, now in its third year. The end result of all of these efforts is increased commerce and a spirit of community involvement.

For Kathy Pinn, it is not about owning a shop. It is about contributing to the greater good of the community. And, because of this, we proudly recognize Kathy Pinn as one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

Ronald G. Magee National Aeronautics & Space Administration

Down to earth with a relaxed leadership style, Ron Magee inspires confidence at work, home and church.

A product of the Bay-Waveland School District, he was valedictorian of his graduating class in 1974.

Beyond high school, his academic achievements focused on the sciences and public administration. All of this would prepare him for a career that would prove to be out of this world in his own backyard.

Ron Magee is deputy director for the Earth Science Applications Directorate at NASA's Stennis Space Center. Before assuming this position, he was environmental officer for the center for over 12 years.

Ron says he wants to continue to be a good representative of NASA and believes he can accomplish this personally and professionally by giving back to the community. Through the Hancock Chamber, he has found many ways to do just that.

When the chamber began looking at a number of environmental issues, Magee was tapped as chairman of the Community Development Committee. The mission of the committee was to create a nice place for people to live and work.

Clean water and adequate sewer collection were at the top of the list of priorities. The efforts of the committee led to the development of a



Ronald G. Magee

strategic plan for wastewater in Hancock County.

From there, a comprehensive smart growth plan was devised for Hancock County — one of the first in the state.

This was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Program.

To move the plan toward implementation, a \$250,000 grant was secured from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program to devise a master greenways and trails plan for Hancock County — connecting special and environmentally sensitive places together.

Thanks to Ron Magee's leadership, Hancock County has a roadmap for success, and we are working together to make smart choices for smart growth. And, this is why we recognize him as one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

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All roads in Hancock County lead to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and the Bay Tower Resort, both of which have meant a great deal to Hancock County's recent success. The Bay St. Louis resort offers almost 40,000 square feet of gaming fun, over 35,000 square feet of meeting space and is also the Mississippi Gulf Coast's only casino resort with a championship golf course next to the casino.

Prima Plauché Hancock County Library System

When Prima Plauche, returned to the Coast in 1973 with a masters degree in library sciences, she never dreamed where the path would lead.

In 1975, she was hired as director of the Hancock County Library System. Twenty-eight years later, under her leadership, the program has grown from a staff of five with one location to a staff of 25 with four locations in Bay St. Louis, Kiln, Pearlinton and Waveland.

The Hancock County Library System is one of the most progressive libraries in the state. And it ranks among the top 10 for service volume. In 2001, the Hancock County Library System was the only public library in the country to receive the National Award for Library Service for



Prima Plauche

innovative programs and community partnerships.

Working together with the Hancock County School System, a library was established in Pearlinton as a joint program the first in

Mississippi.

Over the years, Prima too has received numerous awards for her leadership and has served on a number of local and state committees. This year, she will serve as president of the Mississippi Library Association.

Prima says the thing she is most proud of is the support the community gives the Library system as a focal point and a place for education and economic development. The establishment of the Library Foundation in 1995 is a testament to this support.

Prima Plauche, is committed to excellence. She embodies extraordinary public service. And, this is why we recognize her as one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

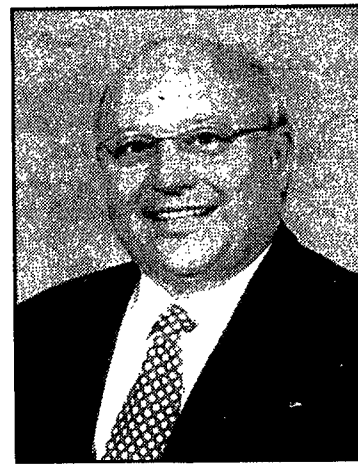
Jon E. Ritten Coldwell Banker Coast Delta Realty

Originally from Minneapolis, Jon Ritten and his wife Susan lived in Chicago for 17 years. She is from the Coast and they wanted to retire, slow down and enjoy life.

He sold the business, and in 1987 they moved to Diamondhead. Described as type "A," he got involved. Type As don't slow down, they just get re-directed. Fortunately for Hancock County, Jon Ritten's time and talent were re-directed here.

Jon and Susan live and work in Diamondhead. He is the president and broker of Coldwell Banker Coast Delta Realty and Rex Land Inc. And, while he prefers to spend his time with his family, he spends a great deal of time working in the community.

He has been an active player in the advancement of economic and community development coast-wide serv-



Prima Plauche

ing on numerous boards and foundations.

Recognizing a need to market and network businesses in the Diamondhead Area, he worked to establish the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association in 1995, serving as president for two years. Identifying a need to unify a two-state area to embrace Stennis

Space Center, he helped found an organization known as Partners for Stennis, still serving on the board. He also served in various leadership roles with the Hancock Chamber and in 1998, was tapped as president. Whitney National Bank recognized his vision and invited him to serve on its Mississippi Advisory Board. He is also a Member of the Gulf Coast Economic Development Council and Coast Twenty One.

When he is not working on community issues, he devotes time to building philanthropy, providing support to St. Stanislaus College as chairman of the Capital Campaign. And, as a board member and chairman of the grants committee for the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

Jon's upbringing and

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Stennis Space Center, America's largest rocket test complex, recently invited the public to witness a test firing. Thousands of people turned out to experience to the shake, rattle and roar of a spectacular evening test of a Space Shuttle Main Engine. Tours of Stennis Space Center include a drive-by look at the testing complex and a stop at the center's award-winning visitor center, StenniSphere, which offers 14,000 square feet of interactive, educational exhibits.

Hancock's future looks bright

Lauded as one of the fastest growing areas in the state, the region calls Hancock County, a bright spot in the coastal economy.

In 2002, unemployment levels for the Mississippi Coast region increased to 5.2 percent but Hancock County recorded the region's lowest levels at 4.6 — buoyed by continued activity at NASA's Stennis Space Center.

Hancock County also enjoyed new commercial

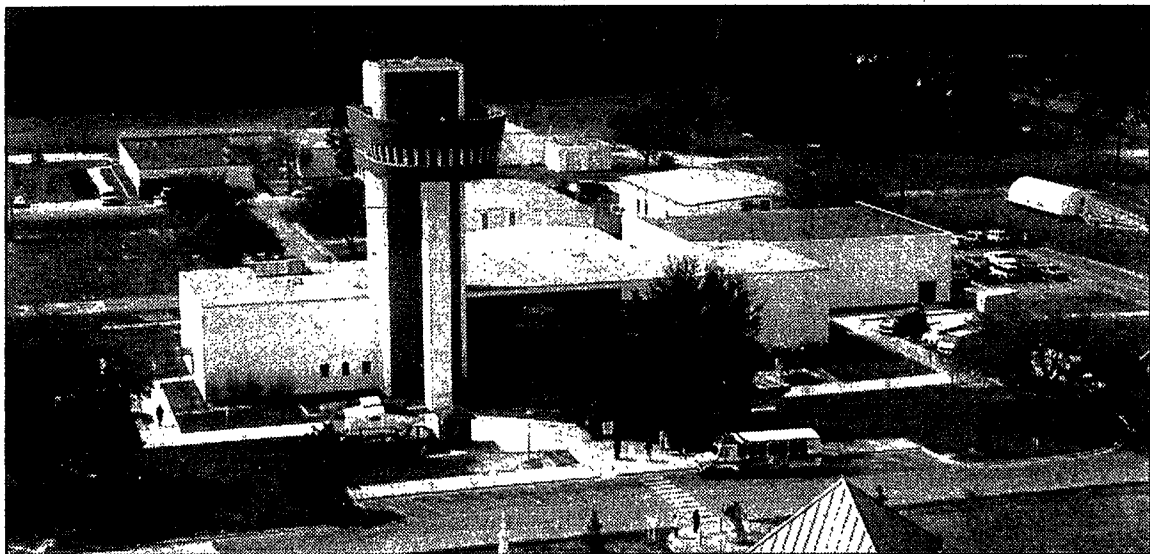
investment leveraging and growing assets at Stennis and in the tourism industry. Celebrating a 10-year anniversary of dockside gaming, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis unveiled its new 14 story hotel and conference center, adding 300 rooms and 35,000 square feet of meeting space to the hotel's inventory.

Mississippi Coast retailers continued to suffer with the rest of the nation, grappling

with the effects of a national recession and the threat of war.

The region ended 2002 with sales almost equal to the year before, yet surpassing industry estimates. In Hancock County however, there was a 15 percent increase — rising to more than \$460 million in 2002 making it a bright spot for the regional economy.

Source: Harrison County Development Commission.



StenniSphere, Stennis Space Center's award-winning visitor center, offers free tours of America's largest rocket complex as well as 14,000 square feet of interactive, educational exhibits.

Henderson

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grandfather and his uncle were car dealers. He knew, one day, he too would own a dealership. He married a gal from Gulfport, Diane. They have been married for 41 years.

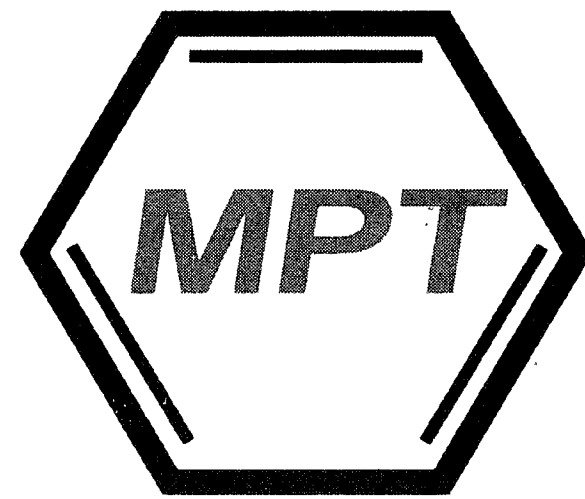
But, he says it was "Camille" that brought him here. He was only one step away from his own dealership when he received the call from his father-in-law. He needed Charlie's help to rebuild the family business on the Coast.

In 1972, his dream of owning his own dealership became reality. Charlie Henderson Ford has been serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast for more than 30 years. When he first started the business, he did it all. Today, the business is run by his youngest son Joe.

The business has grown to a new facility with 32 employees. Employees are

active in the United Way and the company supports little leagues and other community programs. Joe says his dad is a fantastic father, always there for him. As partners, they can butt heads and they stand behind each other. Charlie is still president of the company and spends his time managing his boat business - Atlantic Marine Brokers. He gives credit to his son for building the business in the new facility. But Joe says his dad is the one who deserves the credit.

Joe says a lot has changed since Charlie opened the dealership. Today, the product is better and the market is bigger. One thing that has not changed is their common-sense approach to doing business. They attribute their success to honoring their commitment to fairness, honesty and professionalism.



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years to public service and was recognized by the State as the longest working public service employee in Mississippi. In 1995, she retired and continued her life of service to Hancock County.

Her warm, friendly personality has won her many friends. Miss Ethel, as she is known by all, is a small framed, unassuming woman. She is a person of deep faith and commitment to her church.

Always there, always committed, always ready to serve her God and her people. Daily, she serves her church, working to prepare the church and celebrant for masses, weddings and funerals. And, she cares deeply about her family.

Over the years, she has

worked with other community programs like the Retired Senior Volunteers, the Cattlemen's Association, Our Lady Academy, American Cancer Society, 4-H Club, March of Dimes, Summer City Recreation Program and Youth Baseball, and the Crab Fest for Our Lady of the Gulf Church.

Her advice to the youth of Hancock County is to stay in school and always do your best. Life, she says, is a continuous education.

Her life lessons of belief in a higher power, care of family and giving back to your community are a daily inspiration to others.

And, this is why we recognize Miss Ethel as one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

McKenna

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awards for her outstanding service from WLOX-TV as Person of the Week. She was named one of Mississippi's Ageless Heroes, and one of 13 Who Care by the Genesis Foundation, and as Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year.

She is also the recipient of the Red Rose Award for the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

To say that Mrs. McKenna has a love of learning and teaching is an understatement.

She was past eighty when

she earned her masters degree.

And, she never says she cannot do it because of her age, like her weekly line dancing or piano lessons for children after school.

Mrs. McKenna says as long as she is producing and the Lord gives her good health, she could not see any reason why she should retire. Neither can we, and that is why we recognize Olive T. McKenna as one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

Ritten

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training says you give back whatever way you can. He credits this philosophy to his catholic education at St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul and the University of Notre Dame.

The world is changing, he says. You cannot stop it but

you can help alter it by making positive steps. It is because of this attitude and the ways he has given so much that we recognize Jon Ritten as one of Hancock County's outstanding citizens.

Volunteers

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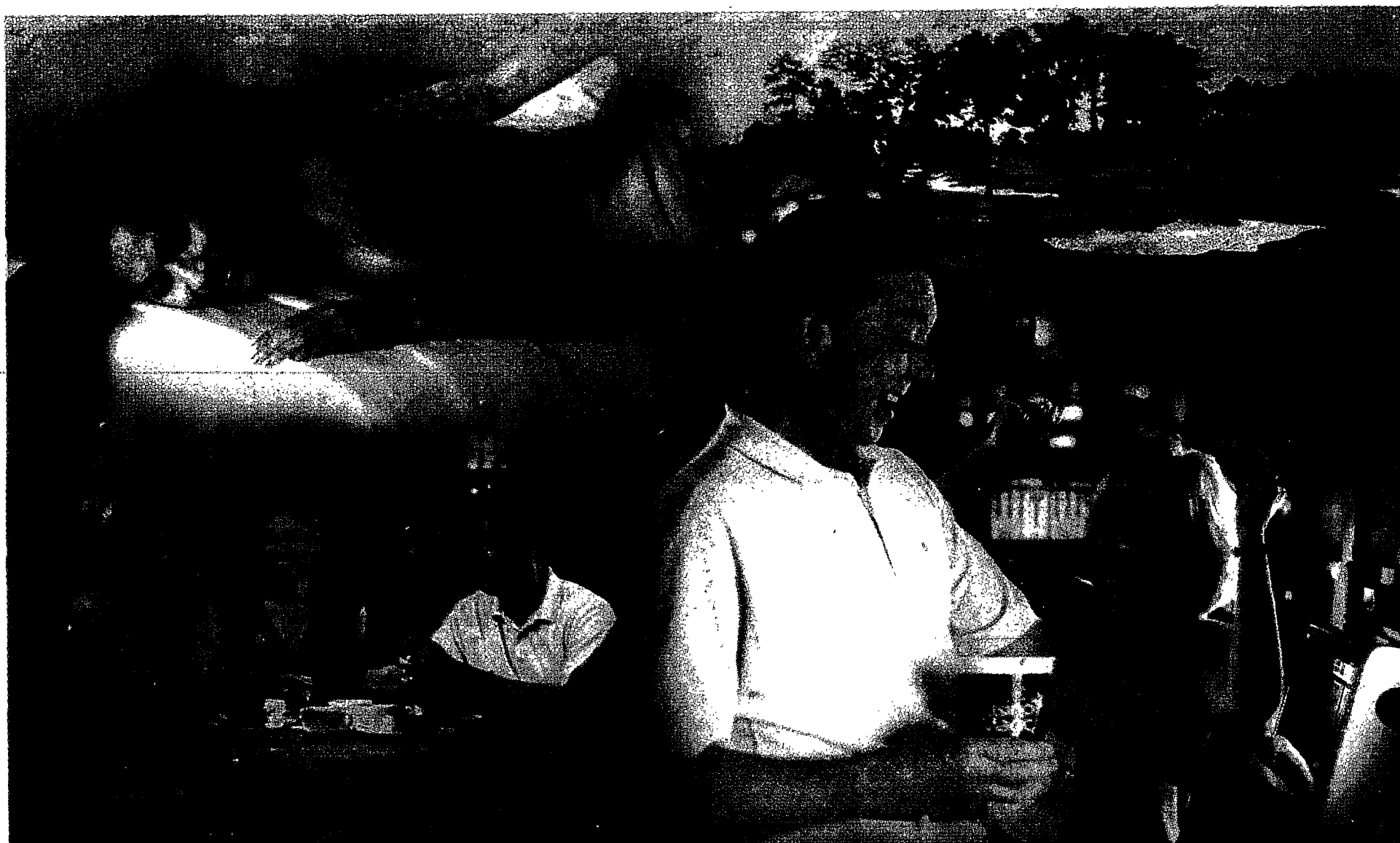
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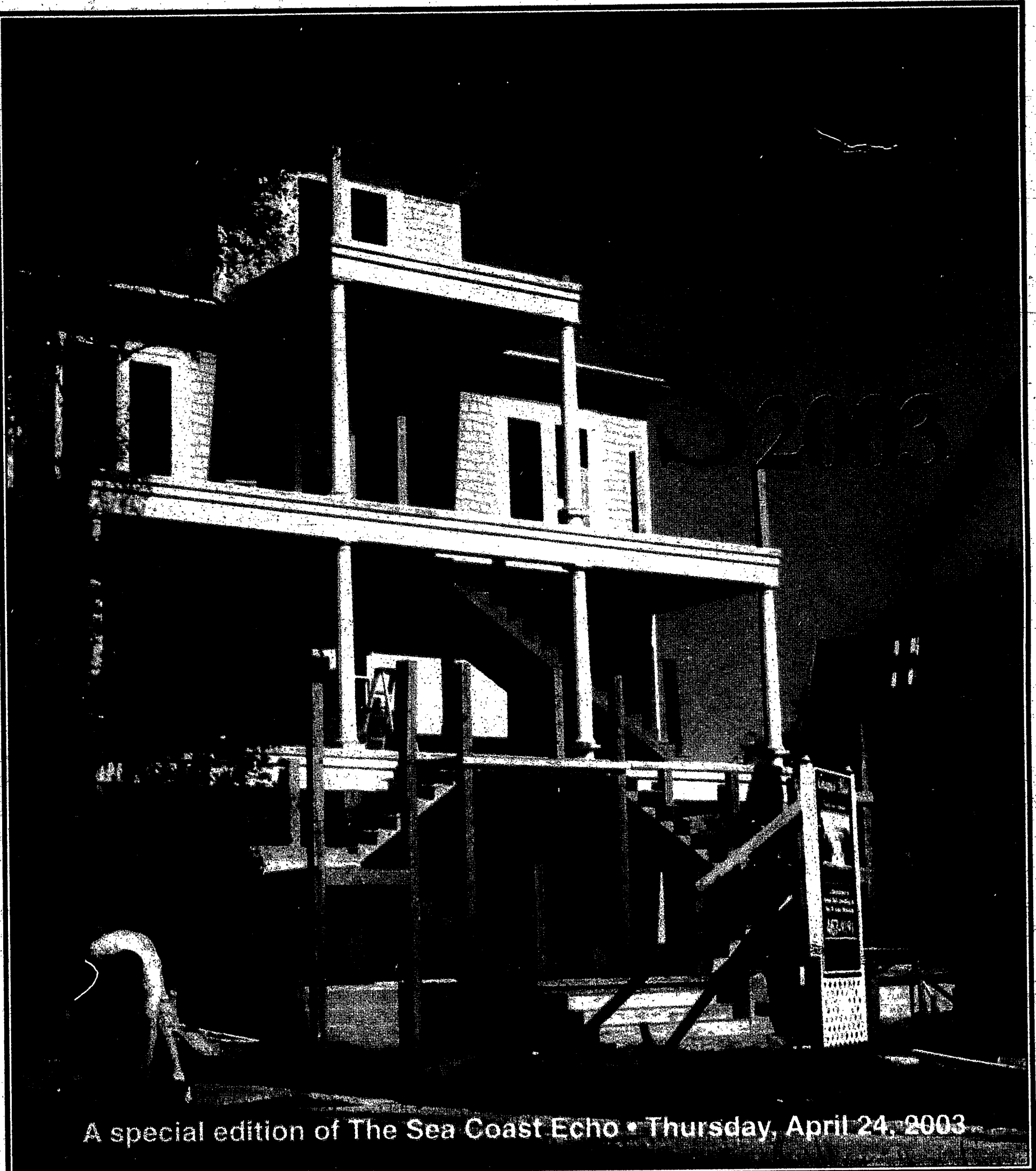
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No matter where you travel, even the most idyllic locale, coming home is always a vacation in itself.

Though your home can be a sanctuary and a place of comfort, you shouldn't be afraid to give its overall look a makeover. Your mustard yellow, 1970s-inspired kitchen appliances may bring back fond memories, but it's time to think outside the box with home-improvement ideas to give your home the lift that it needs.

When you visualize a home improvement project, it doesn't have to mean tearing down walls and erecting a new structure in their wake. Often, the most subtle touches, like a new paint color or a few well-placed knickknacks can add that certain pizzazz you're looking for. New fabrics, paint styles and innovative projects can all give your home a fresh

look. And, if you feel like adding a new room or re-roofing the entire house — go for it.

Spring is an ideal time to revamp an area of the home. Take advantage of the warmer weather, which often gives new lift to ideas that may have been dormant during the winter, to look for inspiration.

Browse antiques stores or page through the latest magazines to spark some new ideas.

Spring home-improvement projects can be exciting, especially when they involve changing the decor of the home. Whether you plan to make a minor change, like hanging new drapes, or you have something extensive in mind, it is important to consider your health and safety in the process.

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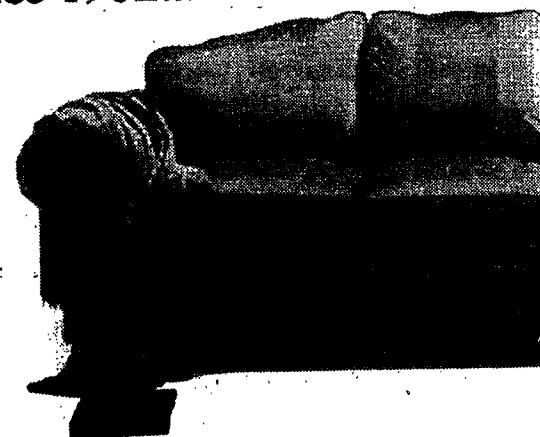
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Save Time With Easy Painting Pointers

The walls and ceilings throughout a home usually form the backdrop for room furnishings, drapes and other decorations. Choosing a color can be hard enough, but choosing the right kind of paint can be just as important. Some people prefer a water-based matte finish, others like something oil-based and glossy, while still some prefer a textured look. At a home center, it's easy to get overwhelmed by aisle after aisle of paints and equipment. Following are some hints for navigating your way through the paint options, courtesy of "Decorating Hints & Tips" (DK), by Julian Cassell and Peter Parham.

TYPES OF PAINT

No matter how many different varieties there are, they all fit into a number of

broad categories. In general, water-based paints are the most popular because they're relatively easy to work with and dry quickly.

- Flat latex paint is water-based and has a dull, matte finish. It remains one of the more popular options because it's user-friendly — easy to work with and low odor. Flat latex is suitable for all walls and ceilings, especially those freshly plastered, since it allows the plaster to dry out thoroughly.

- Vinyl flat latex is water-based, but it's easier to clean than traditional flat latex paint; it dries to a wipeable-matte finish. It's also more durable — suitable for all walls — since the paint's matte properties help to conceal many surface imperfections.

- Vinyl gloss latex paint is water-based and quick-drying. It dries to high

sheen. The gloss finish makes washing easy, and makes the paint a good choice for kitchens and bathrooms. It also can be used for all walls and ceilings.

- Store-brand flat latex is a paint created by most major paint stores and home-improvement stores — a brand exclusive to that store. This paint is an ideal choice for achieving a traditional flat paint finish on all interior surfaces.

- Semigloss paint is oil-based and dries to a medium sheen. Although many brands are available, some have less of an odor, and are more user-friendly than others. This paint particularly is suitable for high-wear areas.

- Quick-drying semigloss paint is a water-based acrylic type of semigloss. Typically a low-odor item, it also is washable and dries to a medium sheen. Some

brands contain fungicides to fight mold and mildew buildup — making it another good choice for kitchens and bathrooms.

- Textured paint is a water-based thick matte. It can be left plain or painted over, and can have a pattern superimposed. Textured paint is very durable and ideal for concealing surface imperfections and small cracks.

MEASURE TWICE

No matter which type of paint you choose, accuracy when estimating the amount you need will save you money and reduce waste. Calculate the surface areas of walls by multiplying the height of a room from the ceiling to the floor (or baseboard) by the entire length of the perimeter of the floor. Use the same dimensions to calculate the surface area of the ceiling. Do not subtract

the areas of doors, windows and extras like molding, wall or window recesses, pillars and covered beams from your calculations. This way, you can be sure that you will have paint left over for any necessary touch ups later on. Also, remember that most walls will require two coats of paint.

SAFETY FIRST

As with any home-improvement project, safety always should be the one of your first and foremost concerns. Here are some safety pointers to consider.

- Prevent injury — be sure to store painting materials and tools away from children and pets. Many products contain chemicals that may be harmful to the body.

- Follow instructions — read all manufacturers'

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To keep your little one safe and healthy, it's important to make your home safe to prevent home injuries.

Childproof Your Home: The basics

Home injury deaths killed more than 2,000 children ages 14 and under in 2000, according to the National Safe Kids Campaign. And nearly two-thirds of visits to the emergency room by children under 3 are because of household injuries such as choking or poisoning. Make your home safer by identifying hazards that could harm your kids.

IN THE BEDROOM

- Keep beds away from windows and curtains to prevent strangulation and falls.
- Secure dressers to walls and keep drawers closed since they can topple if a child climbs into one.
- Install a carbon-monoxide detector. Exposure to this gas can be fatal.

IN THE BATH

- Never leave your baby alone as he can drown in just two inches of water.
- Place a rubber mat or no-slip strip on the tub floor. Also put a nonskid rug or mat on the floor next to the

tub.

- Be sure to wipe up any water that has splashed out.
- Don't rely on bath rings to keep your baby afloat — your child can go underwater if they slip.
- Lock up all cabinets, razors, scissors, toiletries and appliances.

IN THE KITCHEN

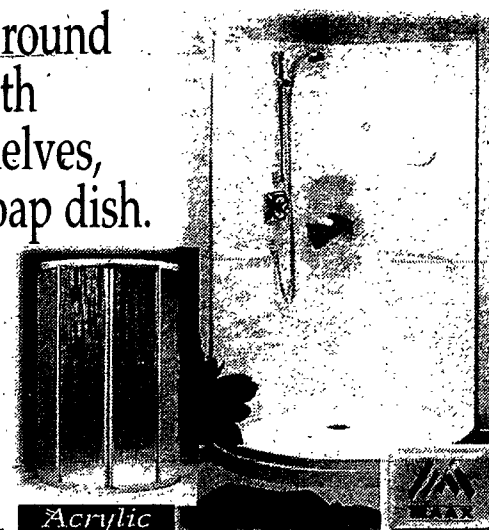
- Use childproof latches on all cabinet doors.
- Lock up poisonous cleaners and other dangerous items.
- Make sure that cords, glass and sharp objects aren't left near the edges of counters and tables.

- Use your stove's back burners and turn all pot handles toward the back.

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- Secure bookcases with wall brackets.
- Tie up window-blind and drapery cords.
- Hide electrical wires behind furniture, eliminate extension cords and cover unused outlets with tight-fitting caps.

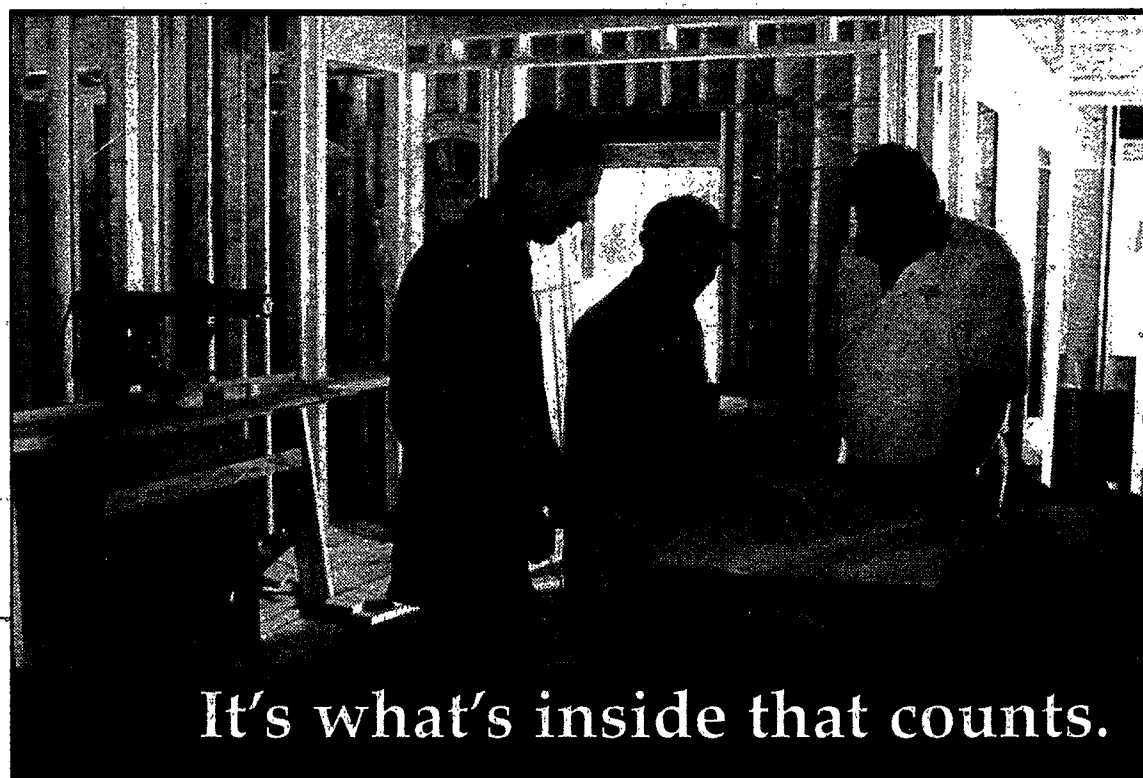
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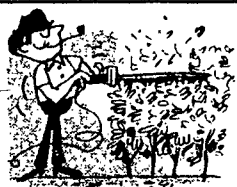
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Under Pressure: Meet Me on Deck

Americans love their decks. Whether it's a child's birthday party, a summer barbecue, a moment of quiet reflection or a Sunday brunch, they are, for many, their favorite outdoor living spaces. What, you may ask, could be controversial about a deck?

The most popular widely used decking material, pressure CCA treated lumber, will be voluntarily pulled from the decking market this year amid concerns that the arsenic used in its manufacturing poses a health risk. Many homeowners and contractors If you're seeking a safer decking alterna-

tive option, started to look at Combining the look of wood



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little closer at a fascinating technological solution called wood composite decking.

with the longevity of plastic, composite decking has emerged as the best alternative. Wood composites are safe, environmentally friendly, splinter free, moisture and insect resistant, easy to care for, and last several times longer than natural, pressure or copper treated lumber. When comparing the variety of composites available, however, what should a homeowner consider?

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Another factor to consider is lifetime maintenance, according to contractor Rick Trottier. "CorrectDeck, for example, comes with a 25-year warranty and you won't have to paint it or replace it for a very long time. The low cost of ownership makes it a great value."

"Many contractors are selecting select CorrectDeck for pools, hot tubs and boardwalks because the unique embossed wood grain surface not only looks better, it actually becomes less slippery when wet and is cooler underfoot than many decking materials," says Correct Building Products President Martin Grohman.

The company also manufactures an attractive yet easy-to-install railing system called RapidRail from its blend of recovered hardwood fiber and plastic.

"The millwork style rail looks better than any other railing I've ever used and I've been in the business for more than 20 years," says Trottier. "And it just takes a few screws and brackets and you're done."

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Brick Offers a Durable, Attractive and Affordable Deck Alternative

In light of the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement regarding the phase-out of arsenic-laced, pressure-treated lumber, homeowners across the country are re-thinking the safety of their existing wood decks and looking for alternatives for new construction.

So, what's the alternative? Many people building or rebuilding a deck initially consider using lumber treated with one of the non-arsenic-based pesticides being introduced into the market. A masonry material like brick, however, offers an option that not only solves the immediate safety and environmental issues, but provides a more attractive, durable and useful surface that will remain virtually maintenance-free for years to come. Brick, one of the "greenest" building materials that's been around for thousands of years, can be used to cover a masonry-constructed deck, creating a natural extension of a brick

home or a value-added addition to any home.

Sam McGee, co-owner of North Carolina-based McGee Brothers Masonry, the largest masonry contracting company in the country, says a brick deck is easy and affordable to build and can solve many of the common homeowner complaints about wood decks. According to McGee, advantages of a brick-covered masonry deck include the following:

- Solid and dependable — A brick deck, like a brick house, is solid and dependable. No swaying in the breeze or shaking when the kids jump on a solidly constructed masonry deck.
- Totally inflammable — A brick deck takes the worry out of family barbecues or portable outdoor fireplaces. While fallen embers have been known to ignite wooden decks, a brick deck's flame resistance will protect both your deck and your home.
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It's Worth Talking to the Experts

Today's Brick Patterns Ideal for Recreating Many Architectural Historic Period Homes

Whether you're a purist looking to create your own English manor or just interested in hinting at Frank Lloyd Wright in your new home, a brick exterior can help you create many of today's most popular home styles.

Let's face it, the plethora

of terms used by builders, architects and realtors can be confusing at best, especially when you consider that many homes built today are a mix of several different styles. The guide below should help you identify some of the most popular styles, including Tudor, English Country, Craftsman Bungalows and Prairie style

homes, which were recently named the top home styles in About.com's Dream House survey. You'll also find a "brick pick" — a suggested brick type that lends itself well to the individual home style. Because brick is so diverse in its color, texture, mortar and pattern options, it is a top choice for all the architectural styles listed



A BRICK EXTERIOR can help you create many of today's most popular home styles.

below.

Tudor and English Country — This cozy style is reminiscent of Medieval English cottages and manor homes and often include small, diamond-paned windows and exposed wood framing. Intricately patterned brickwork is also a hallmark of this period home. The Tudor was originally built from 1890 - 1940, but is seeing a resurgence as indicated by its No. 1 position on the Dream House survey. The English country or cottage style home is similar to the Tudor, though somewhat less grand and without the exposed beamwork. This picturesque style resembles a storybook cottage with cozy corners, quirky angles and other charming details.

Brick Pick: Antique-look brick (also referred to as wood-mold, handmade or tumbled) in muted stone-like earth tones — buff, tan, charcoal gray or even a subdued red — with decorative patterning in accent areas.

Craftsman Bungalow — A true American original, these homey bungalows featuring low-pitched roofs and exposed rafters were all the rage at the beginning of the 20th century, starting in California and quickly spreading to the rest of the country. The style's popularity ended in the 1930s, but it is now making a comeback thanks, in part, to movements toward simpler living. Representing structural simplicity, efficient use of space and understated style, it was named the No. 2 style in the Dream House survey.

Brick Pick: Understated and utilitarian, dark brown, extruded brick (very linear and consistent from brick to brick) is a perfect choice for this style. Dark green trim will accentuate the Craftsman look.

Prairie — Frank Lloyd Wright pioneered this modern style in Chicago at the turn of the century. Low-pitched hip roofs make these

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Lighting Systems Offer New Design Options for Kitchens and Baths

Lighting in kitchens and bathrooms has improved beyond Thomas Edison's wildest dreams — just as the rooms themselves have evolved dramatically. Contemporary kitchen designs feature expansive islands and wide-open spaces, while formerly humdrum bathrooms function as luxurious hideaways, complete with Roman tub, spa and a range of pampering fixtures.

The truth is, when it comes to fashion and function in today's kitchens and baths, you're limited only by your imagination.

As room designs evolve, the lighting industry is developing new technologies and products to respond to the ongoing changes in how people live and use these functional and comfortable spaces, from improved low voltage specialty systems to incandescent fixtures that use halogen or xenon bulbs, to new fluorescent sources that offer greatly improved CRI (color rendering) and CCT (color temperature).

So, how can you take advantage of these new lighting systems? Whether you're building a new home or simply want to add new life to an existing one, good lighting design is based on a system experts call "layering," which produces more interesting spaces by balancing the decorative and functional aspects of lighting.



CREATE THE PERFECT combination of illumination and ambiance with the latest lighting fixtures and designs for kitchens and baths.

An effective kitchen or bath lighting system will serve one of four major functions — and there is a host of innovative new products available for each of them:

- **Ambient or General Lighting:** Today's new fluorescent lighting offers excellent color rendering for general lighting in kitchens and baths. New designs offer fixtures that are beautifully encased in wood with the latest designer finishes and accents. Or, you can use recessed fixtures for general lighting, taking advantage of today's new compact fluorescent lamps.

- **Task Lighting:** Low-voltage pendants or recessed low-voltage lighting over a

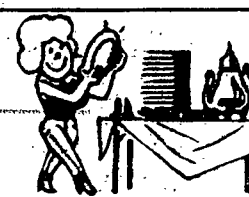
kitchen island provide excellent task lighting for this busy workspace. Under the cabinets, try low-voltage linear lighting instead of fluorescent fixtures. For example, Ambiance® Lighting Systems by Sea Gull Lighting Products, Inc., offers an array of new designs, as well as a mini-recessed fixture that can also be used as a shower light.

- **Supplemental Task Lighting:** Recessed low-voltage lighting is an ideal choice to provide supplemental task lighting to counter-space work areas in kitchens or baths.

- **Accent Lighting:** Small, adjustable and directional

track fixtures are useful for accenting countertop or cabinet displays. Or, you can highlight special items by displaying them in glass-front cabinets illuminated with innovative new fixtures, like the Disk Lighting System — also part of Sea Gull's Ambiance line.

Another popular accent approach uses low-voltage linear lighting under the toe space of a bath cabinet for night lighting. Finally, you can add another layer of light altogether by lighting above your cabinets with low-voltage linear lighting.



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A hammer's claw can make a difference — the deeply curved radius of the claw on a common nail hammer is designed for maximum nail pulling leverage and for picking up and cradling 2 x 4 lumber. The ripping hammer sports a shallower curved claw for getting under and between lumber pieces.



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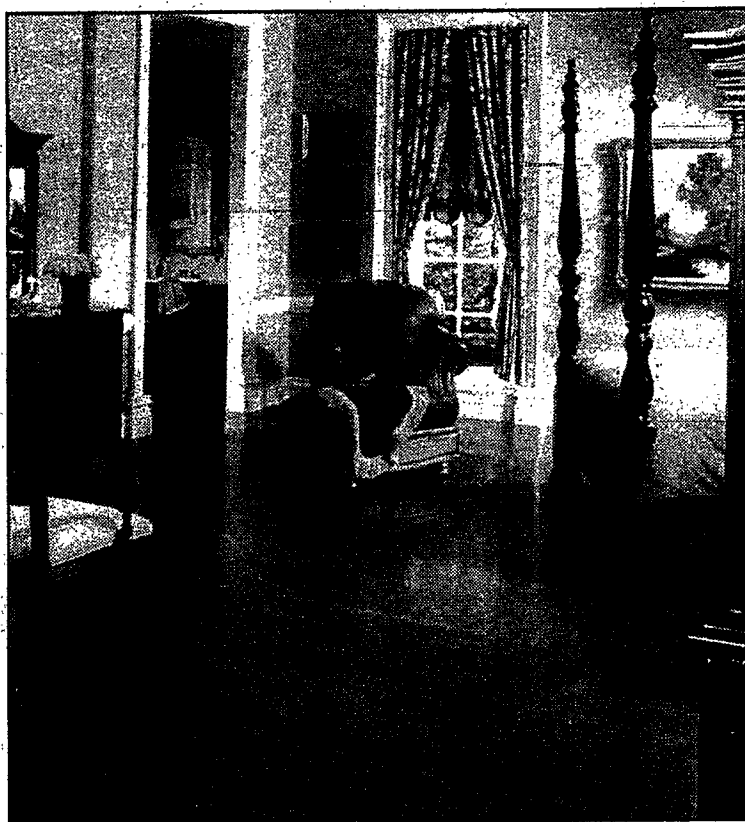
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Today's Hardwood Floors Offer Versatile Interior Design Choices

If you're planning a renovation or remodeling project, decorating and remodeling magazines are a great place to start. In each issue, you can browse through pages and pages of beautiful homes to collect inspiration and ideas on the furnishings and colors that best reflect your own personal lifestyle. Interestingly, there's one design element many of these homes share — hardwood floors.

"Wood is quickly gaining popularity as the flooring of choice for any room in the



WIDE-PLANK HARDWOOD FLOORS in deep, rich dark tones are an ideal complement to the traditional furnishings in the master bedroom of this renovated Victorian. The floor is Harris Tarkett's Longstrip Grand Vistas in Yuma Oak Sable and the homeowners installed it throughout the house as a sophisticated foundation for their collections of art and antiques.

home," says Bill Clossin, vice president of marketing at Harris Tarkett, a major manufacturer of hardwood floors. "The wide variety of species and colors available today allow wood to crossover design and styling boundaries. And the good news for homeowners is that most of the floors shown in their magazines can be found or duplicated at their local floor covering retailer."

Although the most popular wood flooring choice is oak in a natural color, there are a variety of other options that allow consumers to make a more personal design statement in their homes.

One recurring look in magazines is the use of wide plank floors in deep, rich, dark tones. The floors are often found in a number of homes within a single issue. "The advantage of floors in dark colors is that they are an excellent complement to

traditional and contemporary interiors," Clossin says. "They provide a sophisticated background for neutral color palettes as well as bold, bright colors."

Consumers who want to duplicate these floors should consider Harris Tarkett's Grand Vistas Collection in Yuma Oak Sable in a 7 1/2-inch width or Coach House Hickory in Leather, available in a 5-inch width.

Decorating magazines devoted to country living appeal to many homeowners whether they live in the country or the city.

"Many of these homes date back decades if not centuries, with floors as old as the original structures," Clossin says. "But duplicating the beauty and patina of timeworn floors is easier than ever." His company recently introduced Crossroads, a collection of floors that recreate the distressed look of aged lumber,

adding instant heritage to any interior.

A number of periodicals focus on specific rooms in the home, like kitchens. One magazine recently showed several kitchens, each with its own distinct look and a hardwood floor.

The first one featured a small, contemporary space with a unique mix of materials that included limestone tiles, concrete countertops, stainless steel appliances, rich cherry cabinets and a light wood floor. To duplicate this look, homeowners might select maple, a wood that is naturally light and one of the most popular species after oak. Two options from the American Collection are Prescott Valley Maple Natural or Acadia Maple Natural.

Another kitchen featured a large, open plan that encompassed the kitchen, the breakfast area and the family room. The floor was oak in a honey tone.

While oak is a good choice for a kitchen, homeowners who want a more distinctive look might consider exotic species or floors with more grain character. Options include Glen Allen Ash Wheat from the Vintage Collection or Spotted Gum or Australian Cypress from the company's Passport: Australia collection.

"Thanks to today's tough factory finishes, hardwood has become the easy-care flooring choice for kitchens," says Clossin. "There's a wood floor to complement every cabinet style, whether it's a popular cherry or a fresh, painted finish."

After collecting a portfolio of ideas, spend some time on the Web researching the various flooring options. Next, visit your local retailer to see actual samples and to review pricing and installation options. "The retailer's expert advice will help you determine which hardwood floor is right for your particular needs and budget," Clossin adds.



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Choosing a species and a color are two key considerations when shopping for a hardwood floor. Construction type is another. But no matter where you want to install a wood floor — whether in your new kitchen, the master bedroom or the basement — there's a construction that's just right for you.

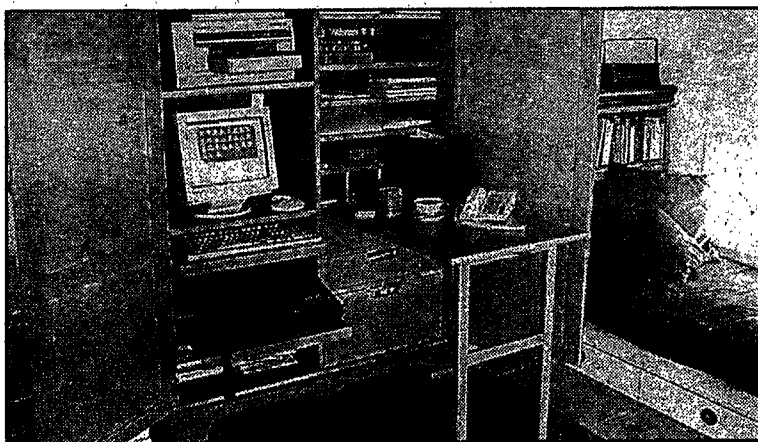
Solid plank and strip floors are made from solid pieces of lumber. They are available in a 3/4-inch thickness and random lengths, in a variety of species, colors and width options. Solid floors tend to expand and contract with temperature and humidity changes. Therefore, they can only be installed on or above grade and they must be nailed down. Engineered floors are made up of either three or five layers of wood, with the top and bottom layers a premium hardwood. This balanced, cross-ply construction adds strength and dimensional stability, which means

these floors may be installed on, above and below grade.

Engineered floors are available in a wide variety of species, colors, widths and thicknesses, in random lengths. They may be glued down, stapled down or nailed down.

Longstrip floors are a type of engineered flooring with a five-ply construction. They are available in a variety of species and colors, in planks that measure 7 1/2 inches wide, 8 feet long and 9/16 inches thick. Longstrip floors may be glued down or stapled down, on, above and below grade. Additionally, they may be floated over almost any existing floor, including concrete and vinyl.

Each of these constructions offers excellent quality and value. In addition, most can be sanded and refinished at least one time or up to three times, depending upon the product. One company, Harris Tarkett, offers a refinish warranty on all of its solid, engineered and Longstrip products.



Are you thinking about expanding your living space to accommodate a home office but worry that you don't have enough room? Apartment dwellers, those with limited nooks of space or even college students with small dorm rooms can benefit from a compact, functional work station. This pine cabinet, courtesy of "The Home Office Book" (Artisan), by Donna Paul, houses all you need to work successfully from the comfort of home. Double doors reveal compartments of varying sizes, which hold everything from pens to a computer. There also is a fold-out desktop, sliding shelves and fax machine.

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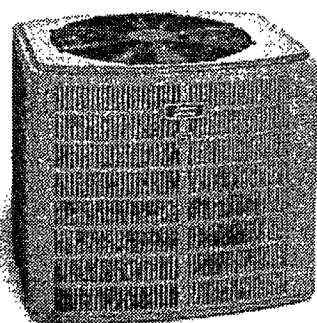
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Ten Tips for Selecting Windows for a New Home

Is impact-resistant glass worth the investment if I live on the outskirts of a coastal area? How much money can we save long term if I purchase windows meeting Energy Star® performance guidelines? What type of grids best complement our French colonial style of my home?

These are just some of the window questions facing consumers constructing a home. From decisions on the type of window framing materials to reviewing manufacturer warranties, homeowners have lots of research to do when deciding which windows to place in their homes. Since the lifespan of windows is generally 20 years, it's worth the investment of time and effort before the home is constructed to make certain you select windows you can happily live with for a long time.

"Too many consumers simply agree with whatever window recommendation their builder makes — and that's a mistake," says Christopher Burk of Simonton Windows®. Windows are a huge investment and a vital part of the construction of any home. Time and research is needed to match the characteristics of the chosen window with a homeowner's lifestyle, budget and comfort level."

The experts at Simonton Windows offer the following tips for people selecting windows for new homes.

1. Analyze your lifestyle. If you want the easiest-to-maintain windows, then select vinyl. If you love the look of wood windows, but don't want the maintenance hassles of caring for them, research your options of having woodgrain laminate over vinyl. Also, consider tilt-in windows for easy cleaning of the glass.



ASK YOURSELF some questions before you select windows like these for your home.

2. Research window manufacturers. Select reputable nationwide companies that offer solid, comprehensive warranties to provide you with long term peace-of-mind in case something ever happens to your windows. Make sure the company's warranty covers the frame, sash and insulating glass units of the window.

3. Educate yourself on energy efficiency. Select windows meeting Energy Star guidelines for where you live. Thicker glass, gas-filled units and double-paned windows will help cut down on heating and cooling costs from the first day you move into the home.

4. Consider glass options. Not all glass is the same. Just as you have choices on Low E or gas-filled glass to maximize energy efficiency in your home, you also have choices on the type of glass. Selections include clear, tempered, tinted (generally available in bronze or grey) or obscure glass.

5. Look at your geography. If you live in an area prone to severe storms, near a golf course or in a noisy or high-traffic area, then impact-resistant glass is a smart investment. Windows with this glass are extremely difficult

to penetrate, and the glass helps reduce noise infiltration by more than 40 percent. This glass is also a sensible way to enhance the security of a home and to reduce the penetration of damaging ultraviolet rays.

6. Review grid options. Many builders suggest standard white colonial grid patterns. However, window manufacturers offer everything from bevel-cut glass to brass to dark zinc as grid options. Also look at grid styles to complement your home. A perimeter grid style ideally suits an arts-and-crafts or prairie-style home, whereas a no-grid style might be best for capturing mountain or lakefront views.

7. Consider privacy issues. If your home is close to neighbors or if you want more privacy in the bathroom, ask your builder about acrylic block window inserts that obscure views into the home but allow in natural sunlight.

8. "Test drive" a window. Before you have an entire house filled with a specific window, go to a dealer showroom or model home to take a closer look at it. Make certain the unit opens and closes easily. See if the hardware is easy to operate and makes you feel secure. Look for windows that you can easily imagine yourself operating for the next 20 years.

9. Look at the construction of the windows. While you're "test driving" the window, look carefully at the construction. Quality windows should not appear sloppy or carelessly made. Select window manufacturers that show pride in the construction of the window and then you can proudly display the window in your own home.

10. Project into the future. Forty-five-year-old homeowners will be in their 60s before their windows need to be replaced. While it may be easy to open double-hung windows now, easy-to-operate crank casement windows may be gentler on the body as it ages.

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Homeowners with solid entry doors are missing out on all the fun. One of the hottest trends is to create entryways with decorative glass that truly reflects your personal tastes.

Do you like contemporary designs? If so, perhaps a combination of glass swirls, circles and bevels would set your home apart. Do you prefer more of a simple mission style? Then look for an inspired mixture of glass in a craftsman type of pattern to define your entryway.

"We've conducted interviews throughout the country where homeowners express interest in upgrading the look of their entryway to complement the home's exterior," says Angelo Marasco of ODL Inc. "Consumers understand the value of curb appeal. They appreciate that decorative glass in their entryways allows them a visual way to personalize the look of their home. Consumers also know they can add to both the day-to-day enjoyment of their homes and the eventual resale value with decorative glass."

In response to the consumer research, ODL has introduced a new selection of glass types, coming options and glass designs to meet the needs of homeowners. For doorlights and sidelights in entryways, the company



DECORATIVE GLASS options let you show off your personal style.

now offers combinations of Thin Reed, Seedy, Glacier, Ripple, Alabaster, Slush and Vertigo glass with their existing options of Bevels, Muffle, Renaissance and Granite glasses.

Glass types can run from transparent, which provides maximum visibility and light flow, to obscure glass that protects homeowner privacy, says Marasco. "Combinations of these glasses create stunning entryways," he adds.

To unite the glass pieces together, ODL offers coming options of black chrome, satin nickel, chrome, brass, patina and nickel.

Coming can be selected to match or contrast door hardware and exterior light-

ing on a home.

Available in a variety of shapes, including full oval, rectangular full door, half door and center arch panel, the decorative doorglass can be ordered for new doors or installed into existing solid core doors. New styles from ODL include Entropy and Trillium (contemporary designs), Oak Park (a prairie style), Cadence and Tripoli

(classic looks), along with Escapades and Echelon (traditional designs).

"Homeowners want options for their entryways and these new designs run the gamut of styles and glass selection," says Marasco. "Whether planning the entryway for a new home or remodeling a cherished, older home, there are products in the new line that can complement any home style."



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Almost every home can be more user-friendly than it is. If you're buying, building or remodeling a house, here are seven easy Do's and Don'ts from Myron Ferguson, home expert and author of "Build It Right! What to Look for in Your New Home" (Home User Press), that can make your home a better place to live.

Don't place a refrigerator in a corner where it prevents a door from being fully opened. Do install light switches where people would expect to find them.

Don't lay carpeting under an eating area where it may fall prey to messy food spills and stains. Do be sure your bathroom is large enough so that you don't have to slide in beside the toilet bowl to close the door. Do make sure there is enough clearance between a kitchen table and a swinging outside door. Do have a clothing rod over or next to the dryer to help keep laundry wrinkle-free.

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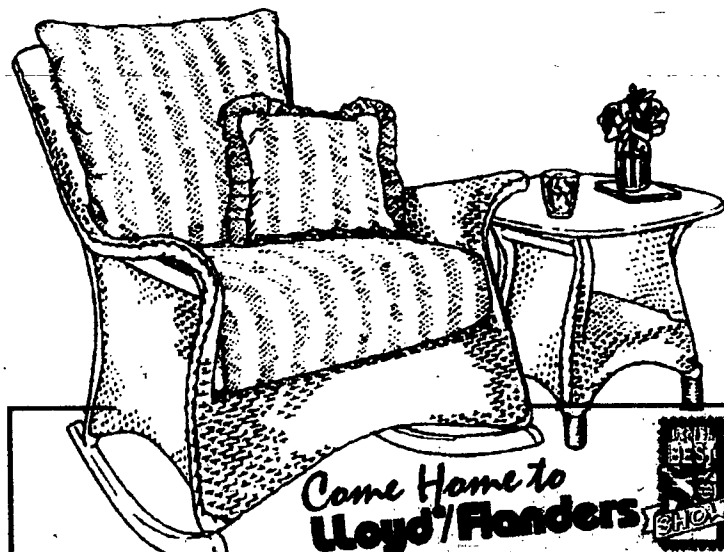
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The woodgrain is cast-moulded in the product to give each piece a consistent grain pattern. When the moulding lengths are installed end-to-end, there's always a perfect match.

The woodgrain pieces from Style Solutions come with a neutral color barrier coating that accepts both non-penetrating stains and paints in any color. Unlike wood, the pieces do not splinter or warp, and there is no sanding, priming or sealing needed.

"I'm always asked about innovative products on my show, and this one is tops on my list," says Don Zeman, host of the nationally syndicated home improvement radio show, Homefront with Don Zeman. "This is an easy do-it-yourself project that's ideal for homeowners in any geographic area."

"We've found that these urethane products have no reaction to high temperatures or humidity levels, nor to freezing temperatures or salt air. This makes the mill-



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work ideally suited for bathrooms and kitchens inside the home and for all areas on the exterior of a house. Best of all, a homeowner can select the exact type of woodgrain finish he wants and easily stain several pieces in under an hour."

STAINING TIPS

Experts at Style Solutions recommend that a quality, non-penetrating stain be applied with a two-inch natural bristle brush. Begin applying a thin amount of the stain in a circular motion, dabbing into the woodgrain contours of the pieces. Then, feather the stain in the direction of the grain.

For a darker finish, homeowners can apply a heavy

coat of stain with light pressure. For a lighter finish, apply a thin coat of stain with more pressure. For the lightest possible stain coverage, the stain can be immediately wiped off with a soft rag.

"In many ways, staining urethane millwork is actually easier and more rewarding than painting it," says Zeman. "You immediately see how the stain transforms the woodgrain in the millwork and you can totally control the depth of the shading. Whether you're adding an oak finish to a functional louver for the home's exterior or staining interior crown moulding in deep walnut hues, you totally control this easy process."

Did You Know ... ?

A septic tank is well-suited to break down human waste, and a well-designed, properly used and maintained system is one of the best choices for waste disposal in certain areas of the country. However, there are many potential problems with septic tanks. One problem is that people put things down the drain that can damage the system. Even simple food items like too much grease, cooking oil or fat may greatly reduce the efficiency of the system.

Household cleaners, paints and other toxins are also toxic to the bacteria which make the system operate properly. Also, putting an excess load on the system when more people are in the house than the system is designed for can result in materials moving through the system too quickly to be decomposed and contamination problems may result.

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Deck -- brick alternative

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you or your kids from enjoying your deck without shoes. No more stubbed toes, either. Unlike lumber, which can warp to create an uneven surface, a brick deck will maintain the integrity of its design for decades to come.

• Ages like a fine wine — Instead of fading and warping that comes with a wood deck, you can expect your brick deck to improve with age, taking on a rich patina associated with the brick streets of days gone by. And while regular refinishing and resealing are mandatory for keeping up a wood deck's

appearance, no maintenance ever required for brick surfaces.

• Useful space — Because an elevated brick deck creates a solid, impenetrable surface, the space below can be used as extra outdoor living or storage space with protection from the elements.

McGee, whose company has built hundreds of brick decks, says the cost of a brick deck is comparable to a lumber deck, with brick running about 25 percent more than lumber decks.

"A brick deck shouldn't be cost prohibitive to anyone. We build lots of small brick

decks on starter homes, and in the long run it's a good investment for homebuyers and for homebuilders. Given the choice, I've never had a customer choose a wood deck over brick," McGee notes that a ballpark price for a medium-sized wood deck is \$15 per square foot, while a brick deck will run around \$20 per square foot.

Brick Industry Association Vice President Tom Perry, commented on the dilemma facing homeowners who want a deck, but don't want the carcinogenic additives that have traditionally come with pressure-treated lumber. "We

understand your concerns, and we want to help. Brick — made from the primal elements of earth, water and fire — is about as back-to-nature as a building product gets. We can guarantee not only your safety from chemical treatment methods, but fire resistance, durability and virtually no maintenance for the life of the product, which for brick may be longer than your own lifetime."

Perry suggests homeowners looking for an outside living area that doesn't necessarily need to be elevated consider a brick patio, which

is less expensive than a wood deck and can be installed by most do-it-yourselfers. A downloadable guide for installing brick pavers without mortar is available at www.brickinfo.org/pdfs/7steps.pdf.

For more information on brick paving products, distributors and masonry contractors, visit www.brickinfo.org or look in your local yellow pages under brick distributors or mason contractors.

Brick -- exterior

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homes look as though they are part of the earth, and the square, often symmetrical lines reflect strength and homespun values. Brick, which literally comes from the clay of the earth and is formed into modular, rectangular shapes, is a perfect fit for the Prairie style home.

Brick Pick: A mixture of earth-tone brick (reds, browns and creams) blend seamlessly into the Prairie style home — the colors can be mixed or used in color blocks on different parts of the house. As with Craftsman homes, extruded brick works better than antique-look on the Prairie home.

French Countryside — Originally popular in the U.S. from 1915 - 1945, this style includes French Provincial, Normandy and Eclectic designs. Normandy homes resemble miniature castles with arched doorways and round towers, while

Provincial houses are much more square and symmetrical, resembling small manor homes with tall hipped roofs and window shutters (think Madeline's "old house in Paris that was covered with vines"). French Eclectic borrows from both styles and other French influences for unique looks.

Brick Pick: Cool grays work well on all of these sophisticated French styles. Light gray matching mortar between the smooth, extruded brick gives these homes clean lines that allow decorative brick accents like quoins to stand out.

Colonial — Another broad category, this genre includes popular Georgian and Federal style homes, introduced to the U.S. just before and just after the American Revolution, respectively. Both styles were the result of influences from across the pond and were popular with new Americans trying to re-

create familiar icons of prestige. Though the two are often confused, the difference is in the details. While Georgian homes are square and angular, Federal style homes include more curved lines and decorative flourishes than their simpler Georgian counterparts.

Brick Pick: Classic red brick is ideal for both of these traditional style homes. Choosing an antique variety enhances the Colonial period appeal.

While it's the look and feel of brick that makes it work in so many different home styles, once it's in place, homeowners will reap many

other benefits including a low-maintenance home, increased resale value (brick homes have a 6 percent higher resale value than their non-brick neighbors) and a feeling of security that comes from living in a home that protects against a variety of threats — from fire to mold to bullets. Once you've picked the style of home you like and have your house plans selected, visit your local brick distributor's showroom to make your "brick pick." They will be happy to help you find just the right match for your dream home — no matter what style or size home you're building.

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An opulent bedroom that is reminiscent of the mysterious East mixes fabrics from Stroheim & Romann in rich reds and golds from their Connoisseur Paisleys Collection.

Create an Exotic Look for Your Home

If you dream of traveling to far-flung places but simply haven't the time or opportunity, you can create an exotic ambiance in your home through your choice of furnishings and accessories.

According to the design experts at Stroheim & Romann, a high-end resource for decorative fabrics, wallpapers and trimmings, adding elements reminiscent of far-away locales can transform a room from bland to sublime. Here are some pointers to help get you started:

- If you long for the romance of the mysterious East, opt for paisleys. These richly patterned fabrics, which originated in Kashmir and Persia hundreds of years ago, provide an opulent look. Stroheim & Romann's Connoisseur Paisleys Collection includes a range of elegant fabrics that feature these motifs in various scales and colorations.

- For a truly exotic room, don't limit the number of patterns to just one or two. Layers of pattern upon pattern convey a richer look. The

room shown here features seven different patterns.

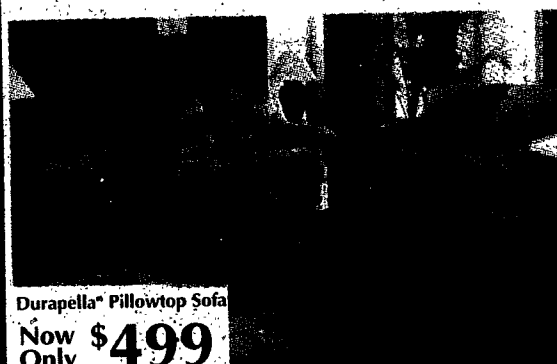
- A mix of accessories and occasional furniture from different corners of the globe adds to an interesting look. Choose pieces inspired by China, India, Morocco, Africa, South America or other distant lands for a sophisticated, global look.

- It's often the details that make a room truly special. There is a range of options in trimmings — tassels, fringe, beads, braids and cording — that add a luxe look to any setting. Also play up patterned fabrics by combining them with solid and textured ones for dramatic contrast bandings and accents.

- When combining several different patterns in the same room, a good rule of thumb is to keep most in the same color palette, varying the texture and scale of patterns. Here, almost everything is in a red and gold palette, with striking accents of black. Although many patterns are combined, the overall effect is subtle and harmonious.

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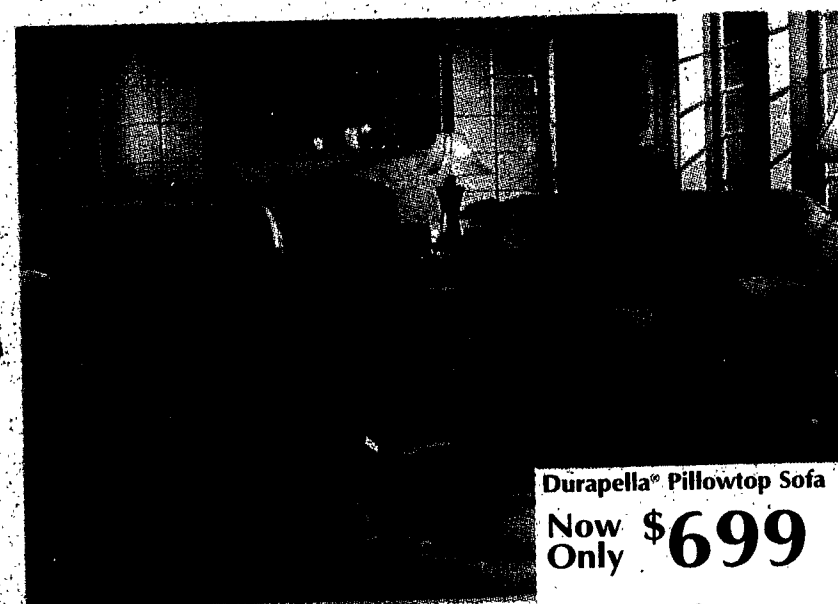


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